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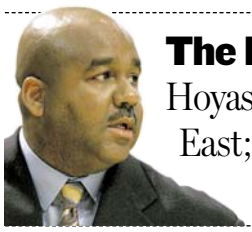

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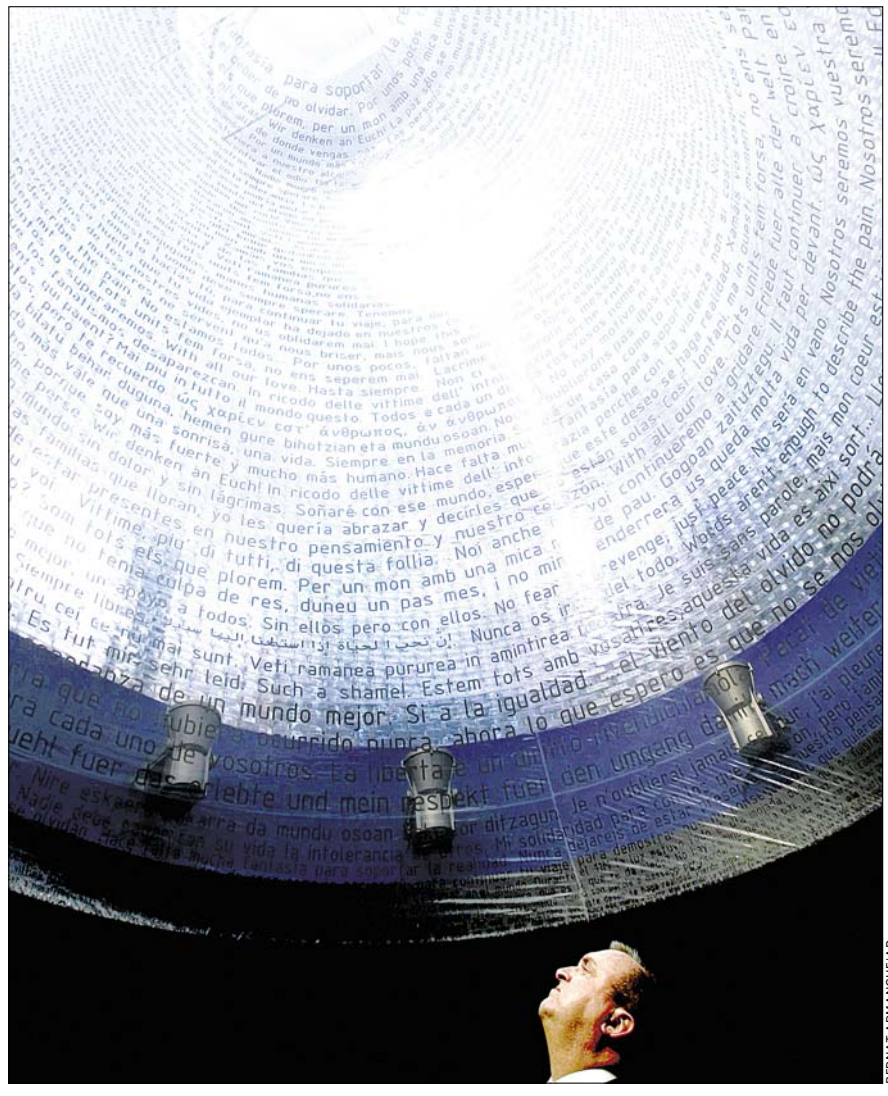
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A Solemn Remembrance in Spain

POIGNANT WORDS: A man reads condolence messages on a memorial honoring the victims of the Madrid train bombings on the third anniversary of the attacks Sunday. The attacks killed 191 and injured more than 1,800. "It's a day of immense pain," said Pilar Manjon, who lost his son in the blasts.

Gonzales Urged to Quit Post

Attorney general is accused of ignoring law by top Dems

WASHINGTON | The Senate's No. 3 Democrat said Sunday that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales should resign because he is putting politics above the law. Sen. Charles Schumer cited the FBI's illegal snooping into people's private lives and the Justice Department's firing of federal prosecutors.

Schumer, D-N.Y., said Gonzales has shown more allegiance to President Bush than to citizens' legal rights since taking his job in early 2005. "Attorney General Gonzales ... either doesn't accept or doesn't understand that he is no longer just the president's lawyer, but has a higher obligation to the rule of law and the Constitution, even when the president should not want it to be so," Schumer said.

Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., said Gonzales would be "better off" if he resigned.

The lawmakers' comments come after a week in which the Justice Department found itself on the defensive over the FBI's misuse of a type of subpoena known as national security letters.

On Friday, Gonzales and FBI director Robert Mueller acknowledged the FBI had broken the law to secretly pry out personal information about people in the U.S. in its pursuit of suspected terrorists and spies. (AP)

STORES | **WMD Depot** A container of processed uranium was found at a pawn shop in Belleview, Fla., WKMG-TV reported. The owner of Gold Mine Pawn said the container — which had a radioactive-material warning — was in a box he had kept in storage for 20 years after buying it at an estate sale. A hazardous-materials team took the container of yellowcake uranium and planned to give it to the county's Health Department to complete disposal. Police are looking for the original seller. (EXPRESS) EyeOpeners | Page 2

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WIND

Blowing Money

A retired Plains, Ga., farmer found a check from Enterprise, Ala., on a road at his farm just hours after powerful tornadoes hit the town, more than 100 miles away. Though the check was carried by the wind, it wasn't exactly a windfall for Jack Short — the check was for only $3.88 and was cashed in 1970. It is well preserved, with only slight smudging. Short said he spotted the check the afternoon of March 1 while inspecting his property. "The tornado warnings were out, and it was cloudy and raining," he said Friday. "I saw a piece of paper laying in the road that wasn't there before." (AP)

REPLACEMENTS

Branching Out

City leaders in Freeport, Fla., hope to ban developers from replacing native trees, such as oaks and longleaf pines, with palm trees. Palm trees aren't native to northwest Florida, said Mayor Mickey Marse, but developers use palm trees to cut costs, he said. "They have to replace what they tear down," he said. (AP)

AFP/GETTY IMAGES

HEALTH

The Ice of Life

It's great that the village of Goroshki, Belarus, wants to celebrate Healthy Day. But perhaps officials should research the negative health effects of hypothermia before planning next year's events. They might want to start by interviewing this woman, who swam in a lake where activities were held on Sunday. (EXPRESS)

Left out of this photo are a refrigerator-ready wine box and a small funnel.

FAKES

Actually, It's a Mix Of Beer and Welch's

New York auction houses are being investigated for selling fraudulent wine, the New York Times reported. The FBI has been collecting data on wine sales at and issued subpoenas to the sellers, including Christie's — where one sale of wine that was said to have belonged to Thomas Jefferson was deemed by the purchasing wine collector to have been counterfeit. (EXPRESS)

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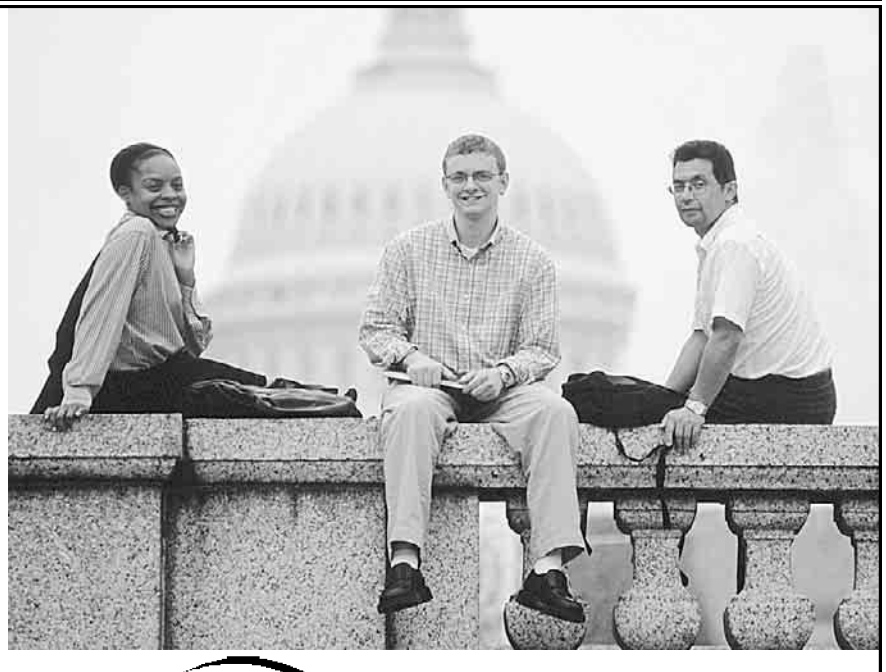

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DOG BREATH: A Nebraska man saved his drowning bulldog's life by performing mouth-to-snout resuscitation. After the dog jumped into a partially frozen lake and lost consciousness, her owner breathed air into her nose until he revived her.

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In Brief

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

Stand-up Comedian Dies From Apparent Suicide

Richard Jeni, a stand-up comedian who played to sold-out crowds, was a regular on the "Tonight Show" and appeared in movies, died of a gunshot wound in an apparent suicide, police said Sunday.

Jeni

Police found the 45-year-old comedian alive but gravely injured in a West Hollywood home when they responded to a call Saturday morning from Jeni's girlfriend. He died at a nearby hospital. (AP)

NEW YORK

Gov. Spitzer Meets With Relatives of Fire Victims

Relatives of the 10 people who died in last week's devastating Bronx fire met privately with Gov. Eliot Spitzer on Sunday. Spitzer told reporters the families were "rightly inconsolable." Although there was little he could do to ease the grief, "we will do what we can in a material sense," he said.

Spitzer

Wednesday's fire hit a three-story building occupied by 22 people, 17 of whom were children. All were from Mali or traced their ancestry to the West African nation. (AP)

Abducted Infant Returned to Mom

Police say kidnapper posed as a medical worker and took baby

LUBBOCK, TEXAS | A newborn baby kidnapped from a Texas hospital by a woman posing as a medical worker was found safe early Sunday and returned to her mother.

Four-day-old Mychael Darthard-Dawodu was found in a home in New Mexico by police following up on tips, a day after she was hidden in the woman's purse and taken from the hospital.

"It's a joyous time," Gwen Stafford, senior vice president of Covenant Health System, said at a news conference Sunday. "This has been a roller coaster of emotions."

Rayshaun Parson, 21, was arrested on suspicion of kidnapping. Federal charges also could be pursued, Lubbock police Lt. Scott Hudgens said.

Phone numbers at Parson's address had been disconnected Sunday.

AP

Newborn Mychael Darthard-Dawodu was abducted Saturday from Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock, Texas, by a woman posing as a hospital employee.

Mychael was found to be in good condition, Clovis, N.M., police Lt. James Schoeffel said. She had earlier been reported to be suffering from jaundice, a common complication in newborns in which a buildup of pigment in the blood causes a yellowing of the skin.

The infant was kidnapped early Saturday by a woman posing as a medical worker, who walked out with the 5 pound baby in her purse, police said.

Hospital surveillance footage showed a woman wearing hospital scrubs and a gray, puffy jacket with a hood walking out of the hospital.

The abductor had gone into Mychael's mother's room several times before the baby was taken, telling her the baby needed tests, Stafford said.

Newborns at Covenant are tagged with a security bracelet, said Stafford, who did not give details about how the bracelet worked.

"As soon as the baby and this security piece were separated, we were alarmed and knew," Stafford said.

"Clearly, we need to take security to a higher standard," she said. (AP)

HEARSAY | TROOPS

"We want to take a look and see where the problems are and see if it can be fixed. It may not need more money."

—FORMER KANSAS SEN. BOB DOLE, DISCUSSING WAYS TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE FOR THE MILITARY. DOLE IS A MEMBER OF A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION CHARGED WITH INVESTIGATING THE ISSUE.

Calif. Brush Fire Forces Evacuations

More than 200 homes cleared as blaze moves across parched terrain

ANAHEIM, CALIF. | A fast-moving brush fire scorched 500 acres of parched hillside and crept into backyards Sunday, forcing authorities to evacuate more than 200 homes, Orange County fire officials said.

At least one home in Anaheim's Hidden Canyon neighborhood was on fire and many others were threatened, Anaheim city spokesman John J. Nicoletti said.

"This is a very dangerous firefight," said Orange County Fire Authority Chief Ed Fleming. "The terrain is quite rugged, with homes on top of ridges, and the fire picks up speed as it heads up the hill."

The fire, stoked by hot, dry winds and fueled by dry chaparral, quickly doubled in size in an unincorporated part of Orange County.

Authorities said the blaze may have been started by a vehicle fire. (AP)

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Nation

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Immigration Raids Dividing Families

Sweeps often leave U.S.-born children without their parents

HOUSTON | They are the hidden side of the government's stepped-up efforts to track down and deport illegal immigrants: toddlers stranded at day care centers or handed over to ill-equipped relatives. Siblings suddenly left in charge of younger brothers and sisters.

When illegal-immigrant parents are swept up in raids on homes and workplaces, the children are sometimes left behind — a complication that underscores the difficulty in enforcing immigration laws against people who have put down roots and begun raising families in the U.S.

This past week in Massachusetts, most of the 361 workers picked up in a raid at a New Bedford leather-goods factory that made vests and backpacks for the U.S. military were women with children, setting off what Democratic Gov. Deval Patrick called a "humanitarian crisis."

HARRY CABLUCK/AP

Paul Santibanez, 15, left, and his brother Sergio, 13, have been under the care of their older sister since their mother, Sergia, was taken in an immigration raid.

Officials of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement division released at least 60 of the workers who were sole caregivers to children, but more than 200 were sent to detention centers in Texas and New Mexico.

ICE officials defended their handling of the raid, saying ICE made arrangements in advance with social service agencies to care for the children.

Under pressure to crack down on illegal immigrants, ICE has intensified enforcement activity around the country. The efforts have yielded results — since last May, one particular crackdown, called Operation Return to Sender, has snared 13,000 people, while other federal initiatives have caught thousands of others. But the raids have led to a growing outcry from immigrant advocates and activists who say thousands of families are being split apart.

Luissana Santibanez, a 23-year-old student at the University of Texas in Austin, has been taking care of three younger siblings while their mother, Sergia, held in a Houston immigration detention center for nearly 18 months, fights deportation.

Sergia Santibanez, a legal resident for more than 15 years, was ordered deported after she served four months behind bars for transporting illegal immigrants. She said the illegal immigrants were three friends who asked for a ride, and that she didn't know their immigration status and never asked.

"The hardest thing is that my children are suffering and I can't do anything about it," she said.

MONICA RHOR (AP)

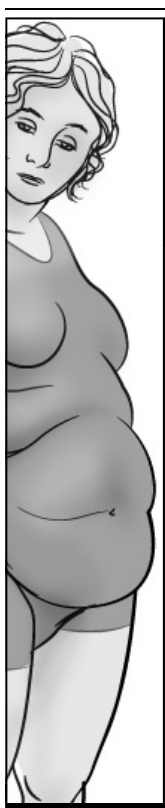
Halliburton Relocates To Dubai

Capitalism, liberal business laws luring businesses to country

Oil services giant Halliburton Co. will soon shift its corporate headquarters from Houston to the Mideast financial powerhouse of Dubai, chief executive Dave Lesar announced Sunday.

"Halliburton is opening its corporate headquarters in Dubai while maintaining a corporate office in Houston," spokeswoman Cathy Mann said. "The chairman, president and CEO will office from and be based in Dubai to run the company from the UAE."

Lesar's announcement signals one of the highest-profile moves by a U.S. firm to Dubai, where capitalism has been paired with some of the world's most liberal tax, investment and residency laws. (AP)



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World

LASTING LEGACY: A Swedish firm is proposing to use dead chickens to generate electricity, UPI reports. Umea Energi wants to use up to 9,000 hen carcasses per year from egg farms as fuel for power plant furnaces. The company says it would be a favor to area ranchers.

Iraqi Shiites Face More Bloodshed

Suicide car bomber strikes pilgrims exiting holy festival, killing 32

BAGHDAD | A suicide car bomber barreled into a flatbed truck packed with Shiite pilgrims Sunday, touching off a giant fireball that left charred bodies strewn through a street in the heart of Baghdad. At least 32 people were killed.

The ambush-style attack showed suspected Sunni insurgents again taking aim at the millions of worshippers who traveled to the holy city of Karbala and are now heading home.

It also displayed the limitations of the U.S.-led crackdown seeking to restore order in the capital, where bombers still strike with deadly efficiency against mostly Shiite targets in an apparent bid to ignite a full-scale civil war.

Blasts killed at least 15 others in Baghdad a day after Iraqi officials warned an international conference that Iraq's sectarian violence could spread across the Middle East if not quelled.

Outside the capital, Sunni extremists attacked Shiites and set about 30 houses on fire in villages around Muqdadiyah, 60 miles northeast of Baghdad, forcing dozens of families to flee, local officials and witnesses said.

The latest attacks followed a week in which hundreds of Shiite pilgrims were killed trying to reach the rituals in Karbala. The exodus faces the same risks.

The pilgrims riding on the truck — about 70 men and boys — passed through the most dangerous stretch of Sunni-dominated territory. One of the pilgrims, Mustafa Moussawi, noticed a car racing far too fast coming toward them from behind before it slammed into the truck.

Police and hospital officials said at least 32 people were killed.

"I blame the government," said Moussawi. "They didn't provide a safe route for us even though they knew we were targets for attack."

BRIAN MURPHY (AP)

SAMIR MIZBAN/AP

DEADLY SCENE: An Iraqi youth stands beside the wreckage of a vehicle destroyed in a suicide car bomber's attack on a group of Shiite pilgrims in Baghdad Sunday.

Bush: Iran, Syria Can Help Calm Iraq

President's comments come amid brief stop in Colombian capital

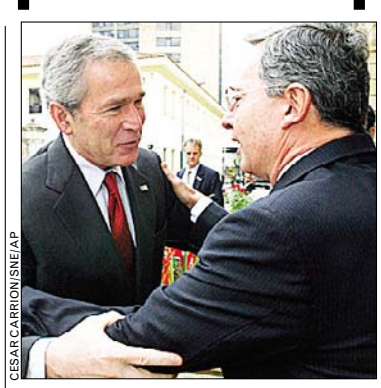
BOGOTA, COLOMBIA | President Bush said Sunday that Iran and Syria need to follow through on pledges to help Iraq, but left the door open to additional contacts between Washington and its chief Mideast foes.

"If they really want to help stabilize Iraq, there are things for them to do, such as cutting off weapons flows and/or the flow of suicide bombers into Iraq," Bush said during an appearance here with Colombian President Alvaro Uribe.

The president's cautious assessment came on a six-hour stop designed as a show of confidence in Uribe and the battle against narcoterrorists in this strong but drug- and violence-plagued U.S. ally. It was his first public comment on Saturday's international conference held in Baghdad with Iraq, its neighbors and other key countries.

Bush's brief Colombian visit, the third stop on a five-nation Latin American tour, took him past rioting protesters and thousands of gun-toting police.

It was Bogota's first visit from a sitting U.S. president since Ronald Reagan in 1982. Bush went in 2004 to coastal Cartagena, deemed far safer than the capital of this country afflicted by civil conflict for half a century. TOM RAUM (AP)



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President Bush is greeted by Colombia's President Alvaro Uribe in Bogota.

On the plane: Ride along with pool reporters traveling with President Bush | **washingtonpost.com/politics**

In Brief

DESMOND KWANDE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Morgan Tsvangirai, a key opposition leader in Zimbabwe, has been arrested.

HARARE, ZIMBABWE

Opposition Leader Arrested, Protester Killed Amid Rally

Heavily armed police arrested the leader of the main opposition party and killed a protester Sunday as they broke up a planned "Save Zimbabwe" prayer meeting in the capital. Police spokesman Wayne Bvudzijena said police arrested Movement for Democratic Change leader Morgan Tsvangirai and other top party officials as they "instigated people to come out and commit acts of violence." Authorities had declared the meeting in breach of a three-month ban on political demonstrations. (AP)

JERUSALEM

Israeli-Palestinian Meeting Yields Few Developments

The second summit in a month between the Israeli and Palestinian leaders, encouraged by U.S. officials as a way to nurture their fledgling dialogue, produced little progress on Sunday. A Palestinian participant called it "difficult." In the only concrete result, an Israeli official said Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert pledged to keep the vital Karni cargo crossing between Israel and Gaza open for more hours. (AP)

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World

Chirac Won't Run For Another Term

In address, president tells France not to fear 'the world's evolution'

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French leader Jacques Chirac kept pundits guessing about his political plans.

PARIS | Jacques Chirac, admired and scorned during 12 years as president of France, leaves a legacy as mixed and ambiguous as the man himself.

As widely expected, the French leader announced Sunday that he will not seek a third term in presidential elections in six weeks. In a televised address, Chirac said he would find new ways to serve his country after leaving office: "Serving France, and serving peace, is what I have committed my whole life to."

Though he did not say as much, the announcement was an implicit acknowledgment that low popularity, age — he is 74 — and Nicolas Sarkozy, his conservative colleague-cum-rival as hugely ambitious as Chirac once was, have finally overtaken him.

Most on the French right Chirac once dominated and in the party founded for his re-election in 2002 have swung behind Sarkozy before the April-May two-round presidential vote, leaving Chirac with no political base for another run.

But Chirac has pulled surprises in the past, and he kept France guessing as long as possible about whether he will run again.

Internationally, the repercussions of Chirac's defiant "Non!" to the war on Iraq, which forced President Bush to invade in 2003 without United Nations backing, still echo.

In his address, Chirac urged France to believe in itself.

"We have so many trump cards," he said. "We must not fear the world's evolution. This new world, we must embrace it. We must continue to put our mark on it."

JOHN LEICESTER (AP)

RUSSIA | ELECTION STIRS PROTESTS

RIA NOVOSTI/ILYA PITALEV/AP

IN CUSTODY: Police detain a member of the National Bolshevik Party, a radical leftist group, who rushed into a polling station during regional elections in the town of Odintsovo, Russia, on Sunday to protest new election rules that some critics say restrict the ability of voters to voice discontent.

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World

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Reports have surfaced of injured British troops receiving inadequate medical care.

U.K. Troops' Care Draws Criticism

Medical treatment for injured British soldiers also lagging, some say

LONDON | Wounded British troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan are receiving inadequate medical treatment similar to that reported by American veterans, relatives and British media reported Sunday.

Families of the wounded British soldiers have also complained about widespread mental health problems among veterans, with some suggesting that health services in both Britain and the U.S. have been stretched by lack of planning for the conflict.

British Defense Secretary Des Browne said Sunday that an investigation had begun into the treatment of 18-year-old British soldier Jamie Cooper. He was badly injured in November when a mortar bomb exploded in Basra.

The soldier's older brother, Stephen Cooper, said his family was angry about the medical treatment offered to his brother and others. In a letter to hospital executives quoted by the Observer newspaper, the family complained that Cooper had spent a night lying in his own feces after hospital staff failed to carry out checks and had contracted a potentially deadly infection.

Responding to the criticism, the Ministry of Defense issued a statement from the military's surgeon general, Lt. Gen. Louis Lillywhite, defending the treatment of veterans. A survey this year of patients being treated at a military-managed ward at the British hospital for veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan found that "all rated their treatment as excellent, very good or good."

Accusations about problems treating wounded soldiers have also recently dogged the U.S. government, which is accused of allowing conditions at the military's flagship Walter Reed Army Medical Center to deteriorate. THOMAS WAGNER (AP)

Speed Limit Suggested for Autobahn

BERLIN | European Union Environment Commissioner Stavros Dimas called on Germany to give up the famous freedom of its highways and impose speed limits on the autobahn to fight global warming.

Many stretches of the German autobahn lack speed limits — traditionally a cherished freedom in a rule-bound country. However, growing concern over carbon dioxide emissions is putting that tradition under renewed scrutiny.

Each 5 mph a car drives over 60 mph reduces fuel economy by 10 percent, according to figures from the U.S. Department of Energy. (AP)

THEIR BEST SHOT: A bill to require preteen girls to be immunized against HPV, a virus that can cause cervical cancer, before the sixth grade is advancing through the D.C. Council. The council's health committee voted to send the bill to the full council.

Local

Crystal City Eyeing Redevelopment

Loss of employers no barrier to updating urban infrastructure

ARLINGTON, VA. | The Crystal City section of the county — with its drab architecture and drab work force of government bureaucrats shuffling through a network of underground tunnels — is generally regarded by urban designers the same way a fashion maven might regard a leisure suit: hopelessly outdated.

Combine that with the pending loss of about 13,000 jobs as part of a national military realignment, and one might expect Crystal City to shatter and collapse, no more likely to make a comeback than the leisure suit itself.

But the '60s-era development on the Potomac River, a stone's throw from the nation's capital, is defying expectations with an aggressive plan for redevelopment that is already drawing new employers and giving its streetscape a face-lift.

When Congress approved recommendations of a 2005 base-closing commission, no place in the country was hit harder than the county. It will lose more than 17,000 jobs, mostly in Crystal City. The losses represent about a third of all office space and more than a fourth of all jobs in Crystal City, and come on the heels of other large defections, including the Patent and Trademark Office and US Airways.

In coming to grips with the losses, county officials declared the situation "serious but manageable." They knew the area had a dowdy reputation and immediately began researching what kind of overhaul would make the area enticing to employers. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Man, 18, Is Killed in Md. Attack

Victim shot as group flees 4 men in possible robbery attempt

WASHINGTON | An 18-year-old Capitol Heights, Md., man was fatally shot early Sunday as he and two friends were chased by four men during a possible robbery attempt near a Metro station, police said.

Maurice Powell, a well-liked 2006 graduate of Central High School, was shot once in his upper body and pronounced dead at the scene, said Cpl. Clinton Copeland, a county police spokesman.

Powell and two friends were leaving the Addison Road/Seat Pleasant Metro station when they were approached by four men about 1:30 a.m., Copeland said. Powell and his friends feared trouble and began running, Copeland said. Multiple shots were fired at the three men as they fled near Daimler Drive, where Powell lived.

"This might have been a possible robbery attempt," Copeland said.

Police are trying to piece together descriptions from Powell's friends.

NIKITA STEWARD AND HAMIL R. HARRIS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Officials Pushing for Metro To Relocate to Anacostia

Officials are pushing Metro to relocate its headquarters to Anacostia as part of efforts to revitalize the neighborhood. Officials want the transit agency to leave its current home near Chinatown, an area that has seen a lot of economic growth since the Verizon Center opened. Council ember Marion Barry represents Anacostia and serves on Metro's board of directors. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Circulators to Replace 'Blue Bus' in Georgetown

If you ride the bus between Georgetown and Foggy Bottom, get ready for some changes. Starting March 26, the Georgetown Metro Connection — commonly called the "Blue Bus" — will no longer run on the Foggy Bottom-Georgetown route. The Blue Bus will be replaced by the Circulator, which will have its route extended. (AP)

CHANTILLY, VA.

Fire at Mobile Home Park Kills 2 Inside Doublewide

Two people were killed in a fire Sunday morning at a mobile home. The fire broke out at about 10:30 a.m. in a doublewide mobile home at the Meadows of Chantilly trailer park. Fire department spokesman Dan Schmidt said the trailer was fully engulfed in flames that were 25 to 30 feet high. Firefighters found the bodies of two adults in the home. (AP)

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MARVIN JOSEPH/TWP

GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT: Anna Volkman, 5, left, Gabrielle Fochios, 6, center, and Charlie Volkman, 2, right, prepare to take their place Sunday in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Washington. The theme of this year's parade, in which performing groups competed in front of judges, was "Volunteers Weave Communities Together."

HEARSAY | PETS

"It's good that it's finally being recognized instead of belittled and demeaned."

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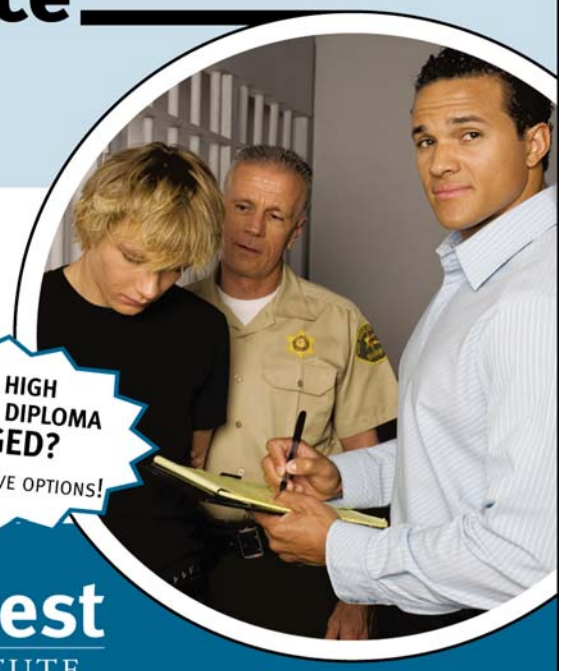

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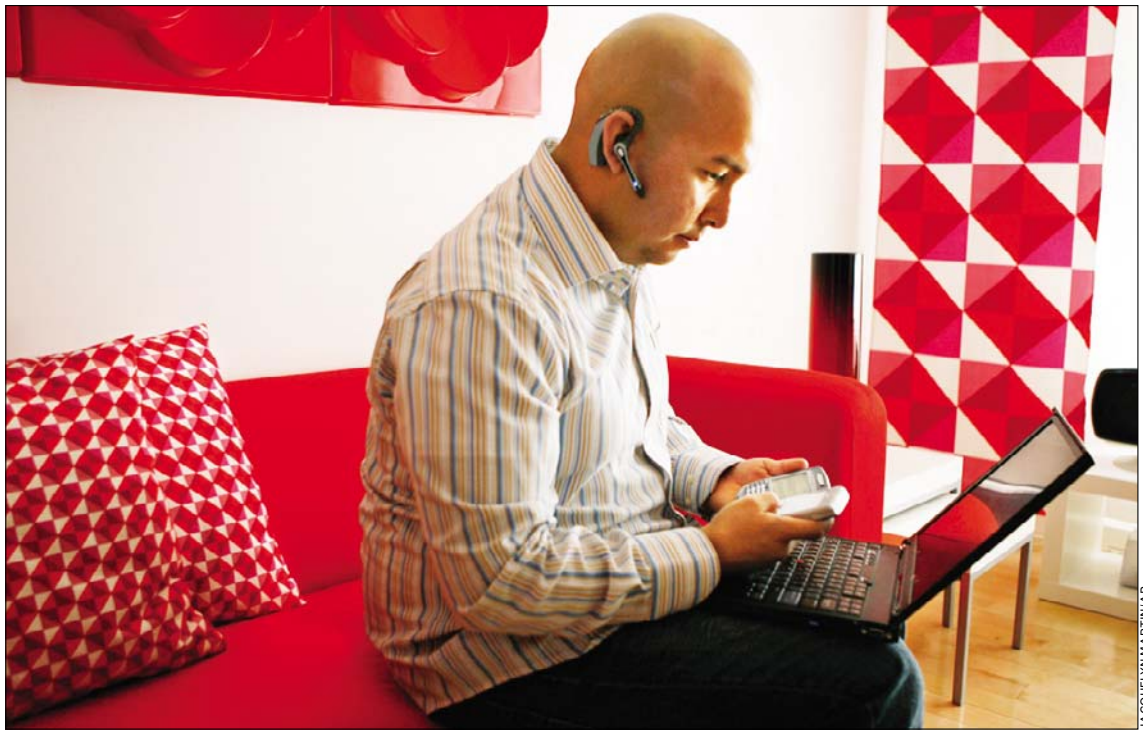

JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

MEDIA MULTITASKING: Sam Gonzales, 28, of Gaithersburg, Md., checks the status of a conference call at his home. Gonzales says he hasn't been attracted to cable cell phone packages because of the limited options in handsets and providers.

Cable Cells Out

Battle is on between phone, TV providers for cell customers

COMMUNICATION | Two months ago, Fred Poteet walked into a Sprint store to resolve some technical problems with his cell phone service. When he walked out, he had a new wireless contract — with Cox Communications Inc., his cable TV operator.

"Since I already had Cox digital TV, the high-speed Internet and the telephone, they said they could bundle it all in one package," said the 62-year-old engineer from Goodyear, Ariz. "They were also giving away a free phone if I added another line. Free sounded pretty good."

Branded cell phone service is the latest attempt by cable operators to compete with traditional phone companies that themselves are invading cable's turf by offering TV service. Each side wants all of the consumer's communications business and each has plans to make the technologies complement each other.

Cox is one of four top cable companies hoping to attract more customers like Poteet as they roll out mobile phone service this year with Sprint Nextel Corp. The cell service is powered entirely by Sprint, but the cable operators do their own marketing and customer service.

But it may be an uphill battle to get consumers to think of cable companies as cell phone providers, in part because the service doesn't have the depth of offerings available from other wireless carriers.

Sam Gonzales, 28, a marketing manager from Gaithersburg, Md., isn't attracted to cable cell phones because of the slim pickings.

"The only partnership they have is with Sprint," he said. "It was only four handsets they were going to offer. It limits you to a lot of things."

To lure consumers, cable is not only touting the convenience of paying your communications costs on one bill and cable e-mail access, but also free calls to the cable landline phone, streaming TV shows to the handset and, later, remote DVR programming and other perks.

Cable launched the bundling trend with its triple-play discounted package of video, Internet and phone service, which has stolen millions of customers from phone and satellite TV companies.

Competition is so intense that it's not unusual to see the local cable and phone companies bombard neighborhoods with advertising. Newspaper and broadcast ads abound, with one side, notably Verizon Communications Inc., sniping directly at rivals like Comcast.

For consumers, the slugfest means there's going to be unprecedented competition for their communications among new rivals offering essentially the same services.

To compete with phone companies, cable will make their cell phones interact with cable's other services, said John Garcia, president of the Sprint-Cable Joint Venture in Overland Park, Kan.

"You can buy wireless anywhere. ... So why would you buy from a cable company?" Garcia said. To grab market share, it must offer "something new to the customer."

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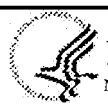

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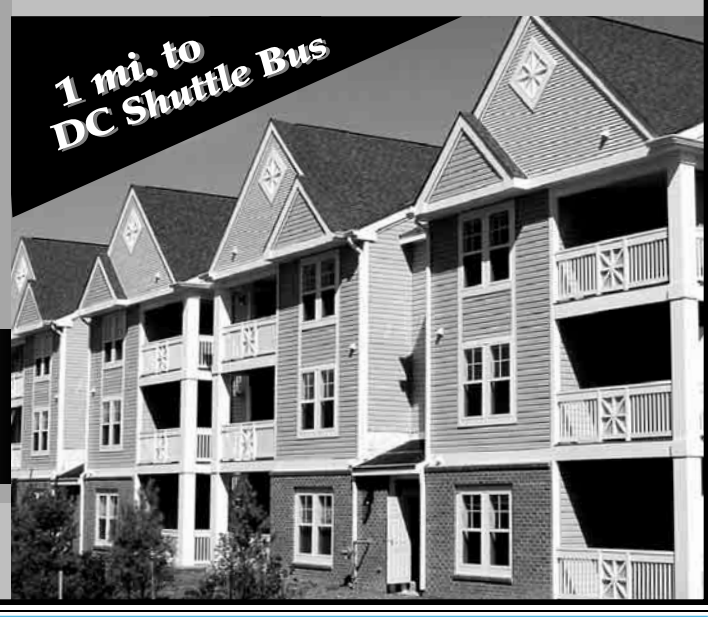

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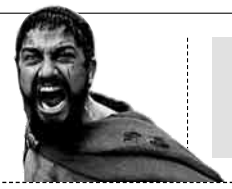

Entertainment

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AFRICAN & AMERICAN: Dinaw Mengestu's acclaimed debut novel follows the life of an Ethiopian immigrant living in D.C.

Beautiful Thing

Dinaw Mengestu draws on Ethiopia & D.C. for his first book

HEAVENLY | For Dinaw Mengestu, inspiration came in a late-night glimpse and seven words. "I was taking a walk one night down 18th Street," the author said, "and I walked by this little grocery store open really late at night and this line came into my head, 'No one comes into the store anymore.'"

Thus were the wheels set in motion for "The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears," Mengestu's debut novel about an Ethiopian immigrant in D.C. dealing with romance, gentrification, friendships and family ties, paying rent and negotiating what it means to be an African and an American.

A first-generation immigrant himself from Addis Ababa, Mengestu packs these struggles — as well as much humor, philosophy and a neighborhood's worth of resonant characters — into one slim, thoughtful volume. His protagonist, Sepha Stephanos, proprietor of a small Logan Circle convenience store, hangs out with his friends Kenneth and Joseph, immigrants from other African nations who like to drink, argue and wax philosophical.

"Our memories are like a river cut off from the ocean," says Joseph, equating the meaning of their journeys, but not the specifics. Mengestu agrees that Africans face a different immigrant experience from that of other minorities. "It's definitely an immigrant community who came, less for economic reasons and more for political reasons, with a lot of expectations, not just for themselves, but for their children. Prior to the revolution, no one was coming to the U.S."

Sepha's little shop stands uncared for in the pre-gentrification Circle, until Judith, a white academic with a preternaturally smart mixed-race daughter, restores a magnificent ruin of a townhouse. Their presence shakes up the neighborhood and signals change, not just for the buildings, but also for Sepha.

A graduate of Georgetown University and Columbia University's MFA fiction program, Mengestu pieced together Sepha's memories of the turmoil that drove him from his home country. They are harrowing and, unfortunately, based on true events. "I had read newspaper reports about bodies lying in the street with signs that said 'Communist' or 'Traitor' around their neck. I know that one uncle died a political prisoner, but I still don't know how it happened. "

The memories may be painful for the Ethiopian immigrant community, said Mengestu, but most are thrilled that these truths are being heard. "The community has been really great. ... People of my father's generation are really glad someone is telling their stories."

ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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Beastie Girls

1 The shorthand version of a Northern State description is "three female emcees and a microphone," because not only did Adrock produce some tunes on the rap trio's forthcoming CD, the group's sound is reminiscent of the Beastie Boys': playful, political and silly all at once.

➜ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; with Bitch & the Exciting Conclusion, 9 p.m., $10; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)*

To read our interview with Northern State, visit **readexpress.com**

MICHAEL PALMER

Organ Players

2 Popular suspense author Michael Palmer is back with another medical mystery, "The Fifth Vial," which is about illegal organ trafficking.

➜ *Olsson's, 418 7th St. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-638-7610. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)*

'THE POLITICS OF COMEDY'

Get Candide

3 "The Politics of Comedy" festival celebrates the works of American conductor Leonard Bernstein and French writer Francois-Marie Arouet Voltaire with lectures and musical performances, culminating in a production of Bernstein's take on "Candide" on March 16, 17 and 18.

➜ *Catholic University, 620 Michigan NE; through March 18, free; 202-319-5416, music.cua.edu|calendar. (Brookland-CUA)*

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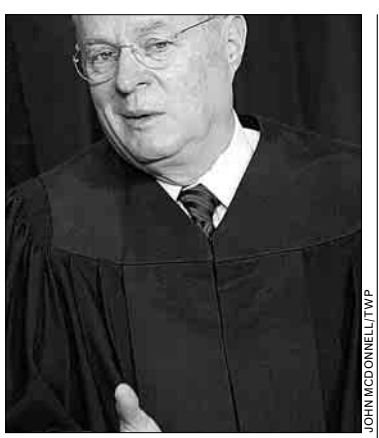
THIS WEEK IN

SHAKESPEARE

The Trial of Hamlet

The Supreme Court loves its work so much that it's willing to hold a trial even when it doesn't have to — or maybe the judges just love to wear their robes out in public. Either way, Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy will preside over the trial of Hamlet. This will be an audience-participatory performance that explores the litigious life and actions of Hamlet. Michael Kahn, artistic director of the Shakespeare Theatre Company, will act as host. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Thu., 7:30 p.m., $35; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)



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HAMLETING IT UP: Justice Anthony Kennedy will render a verdict this week.

"THE FEAST OF LOVE" was a finalist for the National Book Award, and director Robert Benton is making a movie of the novel, but author Charles Baxter was inspired to pen the story by the Bard's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Fellow author Elizabeth Nunez ("Prospero's Daughter") will interview Baxter about his love of Shakespeare. Folger Theatre, 201 East Capitol St. SE; Fri., 8 p.m., $18; 202-544-7077. (Capitol South)

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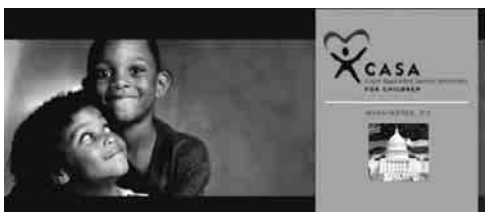

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WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (1150 225) 455 730 955
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RENO 911: MIAMI (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 215) 420 725 950
OC: GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (120) 715
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (1200 235) 510 750 1030
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (1155 220) 445 710 930
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG 410 1000
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG-13) DIG (1230 250) 525 755 1015
NORBIT (PG-13) DIG (1220 245) 520 805 1035

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Glebe Rd, Arlington — 800-FANDANGO 377#

Adv. Tix on Sale THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) ★
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★ (100 150 215 350 440 505) 640 720 750 930 1000
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 500) 745
THE NUMBER 23 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 405) 630 855
RENO 911: MIAMI (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 940
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (110 400) 700 950
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (210 450) 730 1010
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (130 420) 650 920
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THE QUEEN (PG-13) DIG (155 430) 705
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (135 445) 735 1025
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 415) 710 1005
OC: BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG-13) DIG (230) 740

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15200 Major Lansdale Blvd — 800-FANDANGO 454#

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Adv. Tix on Sale THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) ★
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★ (100 200 330 400 515) 715 815 1005 1030 1100
ZODIAC (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105 455) 830
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (155 500) 755 1050
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (140 215 435 500) 720 745 945 1015
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (1245 400) 700 955
THE NUMBER 23 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 300 540) 830 1100
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (135 440) 720 1010
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (130 515) 800 1035
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (1235 300 530) 805 1035
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG-13) DIG (100 420) 715 945
NORBIT (PG-13) DIG (115 450) 730 1000
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230) 710

BETHESDA 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue — 800-FANDANGO 569#

Adv. Tix on Sale REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) ★
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★ (1230 100 330 400) 700 730 945 1015
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 415) 700 955
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (1245 330) 715 945
THE NUMBER 23 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 430) 800 1015
RENO 911: MIAMI (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (415) 745 950
THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) DIG (115)
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (130 430) 745 1020
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (1245 345) 715 1005
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (130 400) 645 910
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) DIG (100 345) 730 1000

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy — 800-FANDANGO 690#

Adv. Tix on Sale REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MEET THE ROBINSONS 3D (G) ★
300 - DIGITAL PROJECTION (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★ (110 405) 700 955
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★ (140 205 335 435 505) 630 730 800 925 1025
ZODIAC (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (300 330) 640 710 1010 1040
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (130 200 415 445) 645 715 915 945
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (150 450) 745 1035
THE NUMBER 23 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (210 440) 705 935
RENO 911: MIAMI (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (510) 1020
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (455) 1015
OC: GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (215) 735
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (145 425) 720 1000
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (100 340) 620 850
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG-13) DIG (135 400) 625 900
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) DIG (240) 740
NORBIT (PG-13) DIG (125 400) 635 910

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Adv. Tix on Sale THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MEET THE ROBINSONS 3D (G) ★
ULTIMATE GIFT (PG) DIG (115 415) 720 1030
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★ (1130 1230 150 230 330 440 530) 630 730 830 930 1020
300 - DIGITAL PROJECTION (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★ (100 400) 700 1000
ZODIAC (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 210 420 520) 750 850
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 410) 710 1010
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (1120 1220 140 250 450 550) 740 840 1025
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RENO 911: MIAMI (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1150 240 540) 810 1035
THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) DIG (340) 640
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (1250 350) 650 950
OC: GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (1125) 715
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (200 430) 1015
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (1210 310) 620 900
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) DIG (120 345) 645 915
NORBIT (PG-13) DIG (1245 315) 625 910
THE QUEEN (PG-13) DIG (1240) 920
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (1200 300)
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 635 940

ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13
Rockville Town Center — 800-FANDANGO 248#

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Adv. Tix on Sale THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ★
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★ (130 200 230 430 500 530) 730 800 830 1030
ZODIAC (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 530) 830
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (215 515) 815
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (115 415) 715 945
RENO 911: MIAMI (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (515) 1000
AMAZING GRACE (PG) (100 400) 700 945
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (145 445) 745 1015
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (200 500) 800 1030
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (100 400) 700 930
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) DIG (115) 715
NORBIT (PG-13) DIG (415) 930
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 445) 730 1015
OC: BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG-13) DIG (215) 745

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road — 800-FANDANGO 670#

Adv. Tix on Sale THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ★
THE HOST (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 440) 735 1020
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (110 150 350 430) 700 740 930 1010
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (100 140 340 420) 650 730 920 1000
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (120 415) 725 1005
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) (200 435) 745 1015
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 410) 715 955
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) - ID REQ'D (105 400) 645 940
THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) DIG (125 405) 705 945

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14
20000 Century Blvd — 800-FANDANGO 455#

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Adv. Tix on Sale THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) ★
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★ (1230 100 230 400 445 530) 700 745 830 1000 1045
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (100 200 430 515) 715 800 1000 1030
ZODIAC (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 230) 645 945 1030
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (1245 350) 700 950
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 500) 745 1040
THE NUMBER 23 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 420) 730 1015
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (110 430) 715 1010
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (1250 415) 730 1015
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (1245 400) 645 930
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) DIG (350) 645
NORBIT (PG-13) DIG (115 420) 815 1040
RENO 911: MIAMI (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1225)

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14
9161 Commerce Ctr Dr — 800-FANDANGO 570#

Adv. Tix on Sale THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D ★
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★ (100 130 330 400 430) 645 715 745 945 1015
ZODIAC (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 415) 800
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 415) 715 1000
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (145 445) 730 1010
THE NUMBER 23 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 500) 815 1030
THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) DIG (1230)
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (115 400) 700 945
OC: GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (130) 730
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (200 500) 800 1030
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (430) 1010
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (145 445) 745 1020
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG-13) DIG 915
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) DIG (1245 315) 630
NORBIT (PG-13) DIG (1245 315) 645 915
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 345) 700 1000

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bulloch Drive — 800-FANDANGO 490#

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Adv. Tix on Sale THE LAST MIMZY (PG) ★
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ZODIAC (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1140 305) 630 950
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 340) 710 955
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (1145 110 210 350 435) 705 735 930 1000
THE NUMBER 23 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 225 440) 800 1015
RENO 911: MIAMI (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 1020
THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) DIG (1210)
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (1220 315) 640 925
BREACH (PG-13) DIG (1215 300) 700 940
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ZODIAC (R) 2:30, 4:00, 6:15, 7:45, 9:50
THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) 2:50, 5:55, 8:25
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 2:35, 5:35, 8:10, 10:35
RENO 911!: MIAMI (R) 2:10, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35
BREACH (PG13) 1:25, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 3:40, 6:35, 9:00
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 1:40, 2:40, 4:25, 5:20, 7:20, 8:20, 10:05
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 1:00, 3:55, 6:55, 9:30
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 1:45, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10
NORBIT (PG13) 1:05, 3:50, 6:40, 9:20
SMOKIN' ACES (R) 1:20, 4:15, 10:20

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THE ULTIMATE GIFT (PG) 1:00, 4:05, 6:50, 9:45
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 1:15, 2:15, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:25

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14
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202-342-6441

300 (R) ✓ 1:20, 2:30, 4:00, 5:10, 6:45, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20
WILD HOGS (PG13) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20
WILD HOGS (PG13) CC 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20
ZODIAC (R) 1:10, 1:45, 4:15, 5:15, 8:05, 9:20
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 2:20, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
RENO 911!: MIAMI (R) 1:05, 3:10, 5:30, 7:35, 10:00
BREACH (PG13) 2:40, 4:40, 7:20, 8:00, 10:05
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 1:30, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:20

AMC SELECT
THE ULTIMATE GIFT (PG) 1:40, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 5:20, 10:25
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

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300 (R) ✓ 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
WILD HOGS (PG13) 1:10, 3:30, 5:55, 8:30
ZODIAC (R) 1:00, 4:20, 7:40
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 5:35, 8:30
BREACH (PG13) 4:20, 7:20
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 4:30, 7:30
NORBIT (PG13) 4:15, 7:10

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BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 4:40, 7:40

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300 (R) ✓ 12:40, 1:20, 3:20, 4:10, 6:05, 7:00, 8:50, 9:40
WILD HOGS (PG13) 1:00, 2:00, 3:40, 4:50, 6:10, 7:30, 8:40, 10:00
WILD HOGS (PG13) CC 1:00, 3:40, 6:10, 8:40
ZODIAC (R) 1:30, 2:30, 5:20, 6:10, 8:50, 9:50
THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) 3:25, 8:00
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 12:45, 3:05, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
RENO 911!: MIAMI (R) 1:10, 5:50, 10:30
BREACH (PG13) 1:30, 4:05, 6:40, 9:20
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:00
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:25
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 12:50, 5:45, 10:25
NORBIT (PG13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05
BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG13) 3:15, 8:10

AMC SELECT
THE HOST (R) 1:55, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
THE ULTIMATE GIFT (PG) 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 1:30, 4:25, 7:30, 10:20
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 1:20, 4:05, 6:55, 9:35

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300 (R) ✓ 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:15
WILD HOGS (PG13) 1:10, 2:10, 3:50, 4:50, 6:30, 7:30, 9:05, 10:10
ZODIAC (R) 1:00, 3:30, 4:25, 7:00, 8:00, 10:15
THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) 2:25, 4:55
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 2:20, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
RENO 911!: MIAMI (R) 12:55, 3:00, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55
BREACH (PG13) 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:00
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 1:45, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05
GHOST RIDER (PG13) [D] CC 1:45, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 7:30, 9:55
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 1:55, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35
NORBIT (PG13) 1:50, 4:05, 6:50, 9:20

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BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 1:05, 4:00, 7:05, 9:50
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 1:20, 4:10, 6:55, 9:45

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300 (R) 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00
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ZODIAC (R) 2:30, 6:05, 9:20
THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) 1:40
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 2:10, 4:45, 7:05, 9:35
RENO 911!: MIAMI (R) 7:35, 9:45
BREACH (PG13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 1:45, 4:05, 6:30, 8:55
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 1:15, 3:50, 6:40, 9:25
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 4:15, 6:45, 9:05
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 2:20, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40
NORBIT (PG13) 1:55, 4:20, 6:55, 9:15
BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG13) 2:45, 5:10

AMC SELECT
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 1:20, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8
8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) 4:30, 7:30
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 4:40, 8:00
BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG13) 4:50, 8:10
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 5:10
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 4:00, 7:10

AMC SELECT
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 5:00, 7:50
BABEL (R) 7:00
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 4:10, 7:20
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 7:40
THE QUEEN (PG13) 4:20

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220

300 (R) 12:05, 1:40, 3:05, 4:10, 6:05, 7:05, 9:05, 10:05
WILD HOGS (PG13) 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35
ZODIAC (R) 12:00, 3:15, 6:25, 9:45
BREACH (PG13) 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 9:15
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:25
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 12:30, 1:45, 3:00, 4:15, 5:30, 6:45, 8:00, 9:50, 10:30
NORBIT (PG13) 12:10, 1:35, 2:30, 4:05, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 8:50, 10:00

AMC SELECT
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 2:15, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20

LOEWS DUPONT 5
1350 19th St.
1-800-FANDANGO #711

300 (R) 4:10, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45
BREACH (PG13) 4:30, 7:15

AMC SELECT
STARTER FOR 10 (PG13) 5:15, 8:00
GRAY MATTERS (PG13) 7:30
KETTLE OF FISH (R) 4:45

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
1-800-FANDANGO #713

300 (R) 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

300 (R) ✓ 12:45, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:20, 5:30, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:15, 10:30
WILD HOGS (PG13) 1:15, 2:15, 3:45, 5:00, 6:30, 7:45, 9:00, 10:15
ZODIAC (R) 12:50, 2:00, 4:05, 5:20, 7:20, 8:40, 10:35
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 12:50, 3:15, 5:35, 7:55, 10:25
RENO 911!: MIAMI (R) 1:10, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:05
BREACH (PG13) 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 12:55, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) CC 12:55, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 1:25, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
NORBIT (PG13) 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10

AMC SELECT
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:25, 10:20
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:40

AMC RIVERTOWNE 12
Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
703-998-4AMC

300 (R) ✓ 4:50, 7:45
WILD HOGS (PG13) 5:10, 8:10
ZODIAC (R) 4:00, 7:15
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 4:35, 7:10
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 5:00, 7:50
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15
NORBIT (PG13) 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 4:45, 7:30

AMC SELECT
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 5:15, 7:50
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 4:35, 7:40

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
Courthouse and Birch Rd.
703-998-4AMC

WILD HOGS (PG13) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:20
ZODIAC (R) 4:20, 6:40, 7:40, 10:00
BREACH (PG13) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 5:00, 7:30, 10:10

AMC SELECT
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) 4:40, 9:30
BABEL (R) 3:50, 6:50, 9:40
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 7:10

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

AMC SELECT
THE HOST (R) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30
STARTER FOR 10 (PG13) 2:00, 5:00, 7:40
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 2:20, 4:40, 7:20
THE LIVES OF OTHERS (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:50
VOLVER (R) 1:40, 7:00
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 4:10
THE QUEEN (PG13) 1:30, 3:50, 7:10

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda
1-800-FANDANGO #741

300 (R) 2:20, 5:00, 7:15
ZODIAC (R) 3:00, 6:15
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00
BREACH (PG13) 2:25, 4:50, 7:05
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:00

AMC MAZZA GALLERIE
Jenifer and Wisconsin
202-537-9553

WILD HOGS (PG13) 3:05, 5:30, 8:05
ZODIAC (R) 4:40, 7:55
RENO 911!: MIAMI (R) 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:10
BREACH (PG13) 3:10, 5:35, 8:00
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 2:40, 5:00, 7:20
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) CC 2:40, 5:00, 7:20
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 2:55, 5:15, 7:45

AMC SELECT
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30

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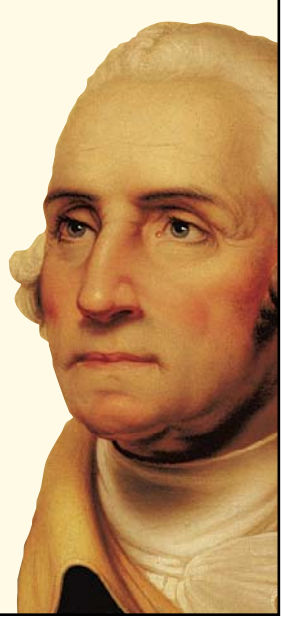

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Entertainment

Stronger Stroke

Albert Hammond Jr.'s solo CD tops recent discs by his main band

LANE CODER

IS THIS IT? Albert Hammond Jr. (center) steps away from the Strokes for a minute.

MUSIC | Although the last two Strokes records were better than the reviews suggested, the tunes on guitarist Albert Hammond Jr.'s solo debut, "Yours to Keep" (New Line), indicate that maybe he should help more with the songwriting when the Strokes reconvene.

Hammond's trademark chiming guitar sound is everywhere on "Yours to Keep," but it's more than just a collection of scruffy Strokes-style rock songs. He also shows a knack for sunny vocal hooks that call to mind Brian Wilson, and lean musical arrangements that make the most of guitar, drums, bass and piano.

Hammond sings in a slightly tousled, just-woke-up voice, and there's none of the Strokes' studied boredom. The guitarist sounds exuberant on "101," singing over a bright, bold guitar melody. He doesn't shy away from emotion, either, reminding a friend, "I'm here for you," on "Scared" and dabbling with a rock 'n' roll lullaby on "Cartoon Music for Superheroes."

The CD includes two cover songs: Buddy Holly's "Well ... All Right" and Guided by Voices' oddball rave-up "Postal Blowfish." That he's able to offer credible versions of two such disparate tunes and make them fit with his own compositions helps make "Yours to Keep" the record the Strokes should have released after "Is This It."

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THE 'R' WORD: Showtime's lesbian drama, "The L Word," was renewed for 12 more episodes. Marlee Matlin will join the regular cast. Cybill Shepherd will guest-star, and production will begin this summer for an early 2008 debut.

Television

ON TV TONIGHT

THEY'RE NOT 'GOODFELLAS'

Written by Nick Pileggi ("Goodfellas" and "Casino"), the cable movie **KINGS OF SOUTH BEACH** (9 p.m., A&E) visits "Scarface" by way of "Donnie Brasco." "Kings" concerns nightclub owner Chris Troiano (Jason Gedrick) and his bodyguard pal, Andy (Donnie Wahlberg), during the cocaine-fueled Miami Beach scene of the mid-1990s. The lives of wise guys and the FBI agents who tail them is familiar to genre fans. But "Kings" suffers from plodding pacing. For every moment of meaningful dialogue, there seems to be five minutes of monotonous dancing, boat rides or car chases.

DOUBLE DOSE OF ELAINE

THE NEW ADVENTURES OF OLD CHRISTINE (CBS) returns with two new episodes: under the influence (8 p.m.), keeping love in the family (8:30 p.m.).

A&E

DONNIE WAHLBERG, NOT "BRASCO": "Kings of South Beach" just plods.

SAVED BY THE 'SILVER SPOON'

With Jack tied up, CTU newcomer Mike Doyle (Rick Schroder) searches for new leads on **24** (9 p.m., Fox).

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Middle-Class TV

'The Riches' is funny & intelligent — but it's not so enjoyable

SO-SO | "The Riches" (10 p.m., FX) is a smart drama-comedy that can be more admired than enjoyed.

When first seen, Wayne Malloy (Eddie Izzard) is leading a pack of con artists to a high-school reunion where he joyously impersonates a classmate, while his confederates liberate the wallets of the class of 1981. The scene is a hoot.

Then we see that Wayne is the patriarch of a family of Travelers, a gypsy band of vaguely Celtic extraction from Louisiana. They're on their way to pick up Walter's wife, Dahlia (Minnie Driver), from prison. Driver's performance is impeccable, as is Izzard's.

A gathering of the Traveler clans reveals that Dahlia is some kind of royalty. When the clan leader commands that Walter and Dahlia's daughter marry a dim-witted young man, Walter takes actions that send them into exile from the law and from the Travelers. Then they come upon two victims of a car crash. They seize their identities and take possession of their house and put "The Riches" on the road to becoming a metaphor-heavy series about con artists passing for suburban citizens "stealing the American dream."

FX

STEALING THE DREAM: Eddie Izzard and Minnie Driver play suburban grifters

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

3.12.07		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News CC		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N) CC				The Black Donnellys (N) CC		News CC	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5	Seinfeld CC	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld CC	House "Kids" (PA) CC		24 "Day 6: 6:00PM - 7:00PM" (N)		News		News	Every-Raymond
	WJLA 7	News CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap "West/Grimes" CC		Supernanny "Walker Family" CC		What About Brian (N) CC		News CC	(:35) Nightline
	WUSA 9	News CC	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Old Christine	Old Christine	Two/Half Men	Engagement	CSI: Miami "Going, Going, Gone"		News CC	Late Show
	WDCA 20	Scrubs CC	Scrubs CC	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Judy (N)	IFL Battleground (Series Premiere) (N) CC				The Tyra Banks Show CC		Still Standing	Still Standing
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	Direct Connection	American Flag: Two Centuries of Concord and Conflict			Kenny Rogers: The Journey CC			The South Beach Heart Program	
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		You Can Do It! The Boomers Guide to a Great Retirement				My Music: Country Pop Legends CC			
	WHUT 32	Moneytrack CC	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Rick Steves' Vive la France CC				BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WDCW 50	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Friends CC	Friends CC	Hates Chris	All of Us CC	Girlfriends CC	The Game CC	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Sex and the City	Sex and the City
BASIC CABLE	A&E	CSI: Miami "Witness to Murder"		CSI: Miami "One of Our Own" CC		CSI: Miami "One Night Stand" CC		"Kings of South Beach" (2007, Docudrama) Donnie Wahlberg. Premiere. CC				CSI: Miami "Cop Killer" CC	
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries CC		The Most Extreme Wild raiders. CC		The Crocodile Hunter CC		E-Vet Interns	E-Vet Interns	Animal Planet Heroes Phoenix CC		The Crocodile Hunter CC	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live CC			Hotwyred CC	★★ "Prison Song" (2001, Drama) Q-Tip, Fat Joe, Mary J. Blige. CC				Soul Food CC		Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx
	Bravo	Inside the Actors Studio "Eddie Murphy" Eddie Murphy. CC				Inside the Actors Studio "Chris Rock" Chris Rock. (N) CC				Six Feet Under "Time Flies" CC		(:08) Six Feet Under "Eat a Peach"	
	Comedy	(5:00) "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" CC		Scrubs CC	Scrubs CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Mind of Mencia	South Park CC	Scrubs CC	Scrubs CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report
	Court	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Cops CC	Cops CC	Most Shocking "Stopped by the Law"		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Suburban Secrets	Psychic Detect	The Investigators	
	Discovery	It Takes a Thief "Monster Movies"		Mega Builders Artificial reef.		Dirty Jobs Wine making.		Futureweapons "Smart Destroyers"		Stunt Junkies	Stunt Junkies	MythBusters "Bullet Proof Water"	
	DISCH	Critical Incident 2: Priority One CC		Impact: Stories of Survival CC		The Man Who Slept For 19 Years		Medical Incredible "Crash Landing"		Mystery Diagnosis CC		The Man Who Slept For 19 Years	
	Disney	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	★ "Seventeen Again" (2000, Comedy) Tia Mowry, Tamera Mowry. CC				Life With Derek	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven
	E!	The Soup	Love Ride	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	101 Sexiest Celebrity Bodies		101 Sexiest Celebrity Bodies		101 Sexiest Celebrity Bodies		E! News	The Daily 10
	FX	(5:30) ★★★ "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004)				★★ "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal. Premiere.				The Riches "Pilot"		(:14) The Riches "Pilot"	
	HGTV	Look What I Did!	Offbeat America	If Walls Could	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Buy Me (N)	Cash in the Attic	Hidden Potential	House Hunters	Open House	What's-House?	My First Place
	Family	7th Heaven "Are" CC		Lincoln Heights "Missing" (N) CC		Wildfire Unexpected visit. (N) CC		★★ "Sleepover" (2004, Comedy) Alexa Vega, Mika Boorem. Premiere. CC				The 700 Club CC	
	History	Shootout! Battle of Fallujah. CC		Modern Marvels: Fire "Fire" CC		UFO Files: The Day After Roswell		Secrets of the Mummies		Engineering an Empire "China"		Julius Caesar's Greatest Battle CC	
	Lifetime	Reba CC	Reba CC	Still Standing	Still Standing	Gay, Straight	Gay, Straight	"Cleaverville" (2007, Suspense) Ever Carradine. Premiere. CC				Desperate Housewives CC	
	MTV	Exposed	Exposed	Engaged	Engaged	Engaged	The Hills	Super Sweet	Engaged	The Hills (N)	Super Sweet 16	Super Sweet 16	Best, Sweet 16
	NICK	Ned's School	Fairly OddParents	Fairly OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Full House CC	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Prometheus" CC		Star Trek: Enterprise CC		Star Trek: Enterprise "The Catwalk"		Star Trek: Enterprise "Dawn" CC		Star Trek: Enterprise "Stigma" CC		The Dresden Files "Walls" CC	
	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		★★ "Drop Zone" (1994) Wesley Snipes. A U.S. marshal pursues a gang of sky-diving criminals.					Whacked Out
	TBS	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Family Guy CC	Family Guy CC	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC
	TLC	Flip That House	Flip That House	My Life as a Child "American Dream"		Little People, Big World First mission.		Kids by the Dozen CC		My Unique Family "Fused Together"		Little People, Big World First mission.	
	TNT	Charmed "A Call to Arms" CC		Charmed "Bare Witch Project" CC		Charmed "Cheaper by the Coven"		Law & Order "Obsession"		Law & Order "Dining Out"		Law & Order "Shrunk" CC (DVS)	
	USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		WWE Monday Night Raw (S Live) CC				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
	VHI	Surreal Life	Dice: Undisputed	I Love New York		I Love New York Ex-girlfriends dish.		I Love New York Overnight dates. (N)		Australia's Next Top Model		The Agency	I Love New York
SPAN.	TELEM	Daniela	Noti-Telemndo	Dame Chocolate		Marina		Zorro - La Espada y la Rosa			Decisiones	Noti-Telemndo	12 Corazones
	UNIV	Que Locura	Noticiero Univ	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fea Más Bella (N)		Mundo de Fieras (N)		Cristina Alejandra Guzman.		Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC				NCAA Women's Basketball Selection		College Gamenight (Live) CC				SportsCenter (Live) CC	
	ESPN2	Import Racers (N)	NASCAR Now	Arena Football Los Angeles Avengers at Orlando Predators. From Amway Arena in Orlando, Fla.					Strongest Man	Strongest Man	Strongest Man	Strongest Man	Strongest Man
	CSN	Poker -- Learn	SportsNite CC	College Baseball Miami at North Carolina. (Taped)						SportsNite (Live) CC		Pro View	Final Score
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight CC		The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now CC		Larry King Live CC		Anderson Cooper 360 CC			
	FNC	Special Report (Live) CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) CC		Hannity & Colmes (Live) CC		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Scarborough Country		Circle of Friends		MSNBC Investigates	
MOVIES	AMC	★★ "Three Amigos!" (1986, Western) Chevy Chase, Steve Martin. 'PG'				★★★ "Splash" (1984) Tom Hanks. A disenchanted businessman struggles to protect a mermaid.					★★★ "Romancing the Stone" (1984) Michael Douglas.		
	TCM	(5:45) ★★ "Kiss Me, Stupid" (1964, Comedy) Dean Martin. 'PG-13'				★★★★ "Singin' in the Rain" (1952) Gene Kelly. 'G' CC (DVS)				★★★★ "On the Town" (1949) Gene Kelly. 'NR'			It's-Weather
	HBO	(5:00) ★★★ "Elizabeth I" (2006)		Too Hot Not to Handle CC		Real Time With Bill Maher CC		Rome "A Necessary Fiction" CC		"Life Support" (2007, Drama) Queen Latifah. CC			Simmons-Poet
	MAX	★★ "Constantine" (2005, Fantasy) Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz. 'R' CC				★★ "The Sentinel" (2006, Suspense) Michael Douglas. 'PG-13' CC				★★ "House Party 2" (1991) Christopher Reid. 'R'			Witches-Breast
	SHOW	(5:15) ★★ "Happy Endings" (2005) Tom Arnold. 'R' CC			★★ "Jiminy Glick in Lalawood" (2004) Martin Short. 'R'			The L Word Angus tries to apologize.		Sleeper Cell: American Terror (iTV)		Sleeper Cell: American Terror (iTV)	
	TMC	"Lemony Snicket's Series"		(6:50) ★★ "The Hitcher" (1986) Rutger Hauer. 'R'			★★★ "Clerks" (1994) Brian O'Halloran. 'R' CC			★ "National Lampoon's Barely Legal" (2005) 'R' CC			(:35) Freeway 'R'
	STARZ!	(5:50) ★ "Underclassman" (2005) Nick Cannon. 'PG-13'			★ "Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo" (2005) 'R' CC			★ "The Benchwarmers" (2006) David Spade. 'PG-13'			★★ "Are We There Yet?" (2005) Ice Cube. 'PG' CC		
	ENCORE	(:05) ★★★ "Big" (1988, Fantasy) Tom Hanks, Robert Loggia. 'PG' CC				★★ "Sky High" (2005) Michael Angarano. 'PG' CC			(:45) ★★ "The Man Who Knew Too Little" (1997) Bill Murray. 'PG' CC				Dumb-Dumbrer

Sports

TURNAROUND: Mark Calcavecchia won the PODS championship three days after literally packing his bags. Calcavecchia shot a 75 on Thursday, and got ready to leave early in case he didn't make the cut on Friday. But he strung together three good rounds to get the win.

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N.C. State's Ben McCauley, front, reacts as the clock runs down in the ACC final.

Tar Heels Trounce Wolfpack

UNC's talent and depth end N.C. State's run in the ACC tournament

ACC TOURNAMENT | North Carolina's depth proved to be too much for North Carolina State's determination.

Shrugging off nine years of frustration in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, the eighth-ranked Tar Heels beat their Tobacco Road rivals 89-80 Sunday for their first league title since 1998.

Brandan Wright and Wayne Ellington scored 16 apiece, Tyler Hansbrough went 11-for-11 from the foul line to finish with 15, and Reyshawn Terry and Ty Lawson added 13 each to give Roy Williams about the only thing that was missing from his resume as a head coach.

In winning their 16th ACC tournament title, tied with Duke for the most in conference, the Tar Heels (28-6) also nailed down a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

North Carolina State (18-15) reached the title game with an improbable run that included upsets of second-seeded Virginia, third-seeded Virginia Tech and defending champion Duke, which had won seven of the previous eight ACC titles. FRED GOODALL (AP)

JTIII Returns Hoyas to Glory Days

Thompson has used his own style to revitalize Georgetown hoops

HOYAS HOOPS | John Thompson III took the last snip at the dangling net and then gathered his Georgetown Hoyas together.

The jubilant coach led the players in a loud "We Are Georgetown!" chant, and the huge contingent of Hoyas fans at Madison Square Garden joined in. Winning the school's first Big East championship in 18 years was cause for an extra-exuberant celebration.

"It's funny to see him out there doing stuff like that," star guard Jeff Green said after the No. 9 Hoyas beat No. 13 Pittsburgh 65-42 on Saturday night for their Big East-record seventh tournament title.

"He doesn't see me doing stuff like that," the normally reserved Thompson added with a big smile.

Hoyas fans were used to their team winning Big East titles when Thompson's father was the coach and players like Patrick Ewing, Sleepy Floyd, Reggie Williams, Alonzo Mourning, Charles Smith were dominating the court. So, it was hard to believe that a program that had six Big East titles under its belt hadn't won one since 1989.

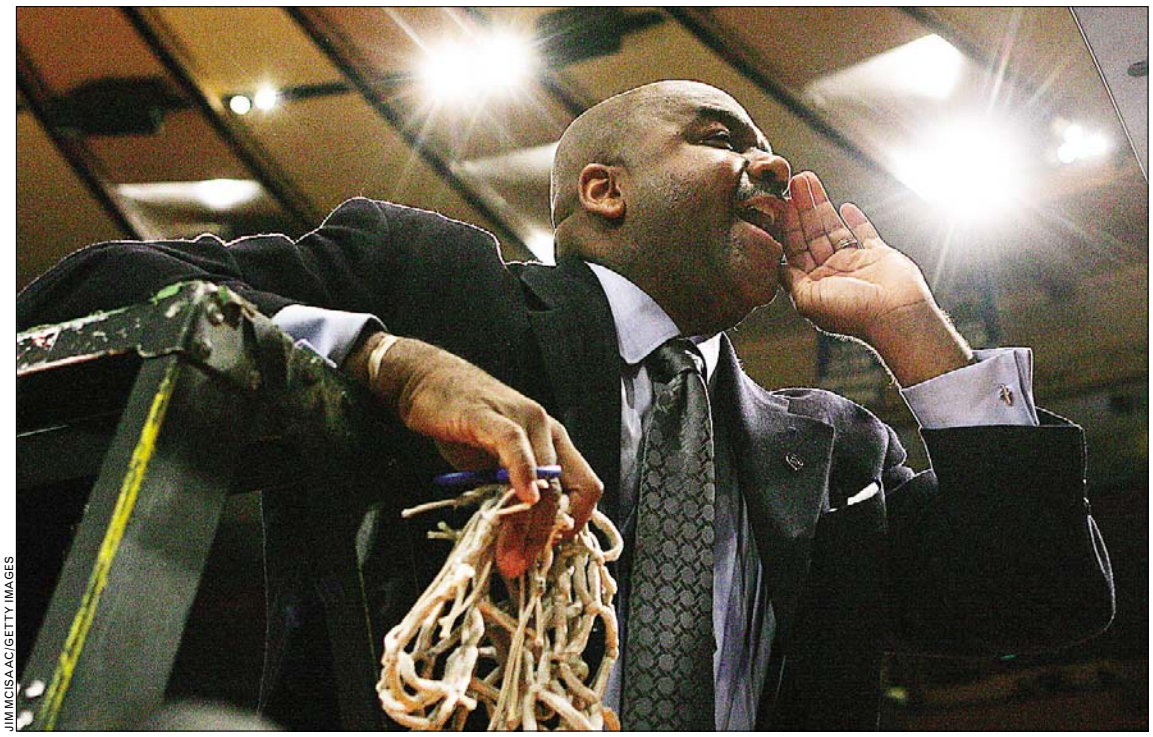
There have been plenty of stars to come through the program following that last championship — Dikembe Mutombo, Allen Iverson, Othella Harrington, Victor Page and Michael Sweetney, to name a few — but they couldn't accomplish what this season's Hoyas did.

Since the elder Thompson stepped away early in the 1998-99 season, Craig Esherick tried but couldn't return Georgetown to greatness in five-plus years.

It took the younger Thompson three seasons, and the Hoyas (26-6) are headed to the NCAA tournament with four straight wins and 15 victories in 16 games.

Thompson, who played at Princeton under Pete Carrill, coached at his alma mater for four seasons before stepping into his father's huge shadow at Georgetown. Rather than just try to imitate Big John's formula for success, Thompson did things his way.

Running the Princeton-style offense while still concentrating on defense, Thompson has reinvented the Hoyas and reinvigorated the program. DENNIS WASZAK JR. (AP)



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HYPED HOYAS: John Thompson III and the Georgetown Hoyas won their first Big East title in 18 years on Saturday night.

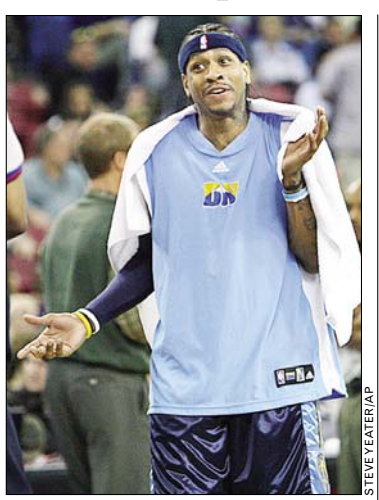
Bracket breakdown: In a special section, college hoops writers breakdown each region and take a look at the local teams that are dancing. | **Today's Post**

A.I., Nuggets Thump Kings, 113-101

Denver wins in Sacramento for first time since Jan. 1997

NBA | Before the game, Allen Iverson vowed to help end Denver's league-worst losing streak in Sacramento. After taking care of that key matter, A.I. promised to appeal what he considers the most absurd technical of his career.

Iverson had 24 points, seven assists, six rebounds and four steals to spoil Ron Artest's return to the Kings' lineup, and the Nuggets snapped a 20-game losing streak in Arco Arena with a 113-101 victory Sunday.



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Allen Iverson talks to the ref about his technical foul in the first quarter.

Iverson picked up three fouls and a technical during a crazy 17-second span midway through the first quarter.

After the second foul, he quickly signaled to coach George Karl he was fine to stay in the game. Not for long, though.

Following his third foul at the 6:25 mark, he was whistled for a technical while running toward the bench clearly frustrated. Iverson came back out to argue with official Ron Garretson during the ensuing timeout before taking a seat.

Carmelo Anthony added 29 points and six rebounds and Marcus Camby had 16 points, 10 boards and six assists as the Nuggets ended a five-game skid to the Kings and pulled off a key win in the playoff chase.

Denver hadn't beaten the Kings in Sacramento since Jan. 7, 1997 — the longest active losing streak in the league.

"That's a long time," Karl said. "It's a big win for us, for our confidence to get playing better. Hopefully we will build on the continuity and confidence we had today."

Artest had 17 points, eight rebounds, four steals and three assists in his return following his arrest on suspicion of domestic violence. Mike Bibby also added 34 points for the Kings. (AP)

18 | **The number of consecutive games** in which Colorado Avalanche rookie Paul Stastny has registered a point, a new NHL record. Stastny broke the mark of 17 straight set by Teemu Selanne in 1993.

Kansas Tops Texas in OT

Jayhawks come back from 22 points down to earn a No. 1 seed

BIG 12 TOURNAMENT | Sherron Collins scored 20 points and No. 2 Kansas rallied after another stellar start by Texas' Kevin Durant to beat the 15th-ranked Longhorns 88-84 in overtime Sunday and claim its second consecutive Big 12 title.

Durant, the Big 12 player of the year, matched his career high with 37 points but took only two shots in overtime and did not score.

Russell Robinson hit a jumper from the left wing to put Kansas (30-4) on top 83-81 with 2:19 left in the extra period, and Julian Wright added a free throw to push the lead to three. D.J. Augustin had a 3-point attempt and a runner in the lane blocked on consecutive Texas possessions, and Darnell Jackson's two free throws extended Kansas' lead to 86-81 with 13.2 seconds left.

A.J. Abrams hit a 3-pointer from the right wing to give Texas (24-9) one last chance, but Robinson hit two foul shots with 5.3 seconds left to seal the win. Durant's final shot — a 3-pointer from the right wing — caromed away with 2 seconds left.

SUE OGROCKI/AP

The Kansas Jayhawks celebrate on the court after coming back from 22 points down to beat Texas 88-84 in overtime in the Big 12 title game, earning a No. 1 seed.

"That's one of the best games I've ever been a part of. That comeback in Lawrence paled in comparison," said Kansas coach Bill Self, whose team trailed by 22 points in the first half — a week after erasing a 16-point deficit to beat Texas.

Wright and Brandon Rush each added 19 points, and Mario Chalmers — who hit the tying 3-pointer to force overtime — scored 17 for Kansas, which has won five Big 12 tournament titles. The Jayhawks enter the NCAA tournament on a season-best 11-game winning streak and as a No. 1 seed. Texas got a No. 4 seed.

"It is a bigger week next week," Durant said. "We've just got to bounce back off this loss and get ready for the tournament." (AP)

Bucks Beat Badgers for Big 10 Title

With Oden sidelined, Conley and Lewis help Ohio State win 66-49

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT | No. 1 Ohio State captured the Big Ten tournament championship. Now, it can focus on the big prize.

Mike Conley scored 18 points, Ron Lewis added 17, and the Buckeyes beat No. 3 Wisconsin 66-49 Sunday to capture their second tournament title.

Greg Oden finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds after playing just 6 minutes in the first half because of foul trouble, but Conley and Lewis did enough to lift Ohio State (30-3) to its 17th straight victory. Conley had eight assists and six rebounds, and Lewis was 6-for-12, including 2-for-4 on 3-pointers.

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Greg Oden played just six minutes in the first half but finished with 12 points.

Big Ten player of the year Alando Tucker missed his first six shots for Wisconsin and finished with 10 points. He was 4-of-13 from the field. Kammron Taylor scored 15, but went just 6-for-18. The Badgers (29-5) never found their stroke, going 21-for-57 overall and 4-for-23 on 3-pointers. They also committed 17 turnovers.

The Buckeyes, a No. 1 seed, and the Badgers, a No. 2 seed, will be among the favorites to win the NCAA tournament. They split two nail-biters during the regular season, but this time the drama ended with about 6 ½ minutes remaining.

With the score 48-40, Ohio State's Jamar Butler retrieved a loose ball near midcourt after having it knocked away and buried a long 3-pointer with about 3 seconds left on the shot clock to help put the game out of reach. (AP)

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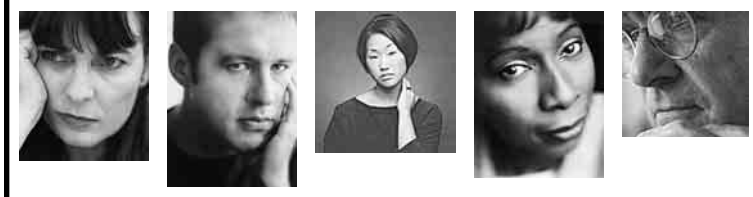

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FIRST OF ALL: Tubby Smith, whose Kentucky Wildcats have won 16 straight first round NCAA tournament games, drew Villanova in the first round of the tournament this year. The last time Kentucky did not win in the first round was 1991, when sanctions kept them from postseason play.

Terps Make Their Return to Tourney

Maryland grabs No. 4 seed; Georgetown is No. 2; GW takes No. 11

COLLEGE HOOPS | For the first time in three years, the Maryland Terrapins whooped and yelled with excitement while watching the NCAA tournament selection show.

The Terrapins (24-8) ended their two-year hiatus from the NCAA tournament Sunday, earning a No. 4 seed in the Midwest region and a first-round matchup against Davidson (29-4). The game will be played in Buffalo on Thursday night.

"Here we go," coach Gary Williams said. "It could be a little cold in Buffalo, but we're playing inside the last time I checked, so that's OK."

Williams would probably have been delighted to play in Siberia, given that the Terrapins were spurned by the tournament selection committee in 2005 and 2006.

Joining them in the Big Dance will be Georgetown, the No. 2 seed in the East and No. 11 seed George Washington, which will also stay East after winning the Atlantic 10 tournament.

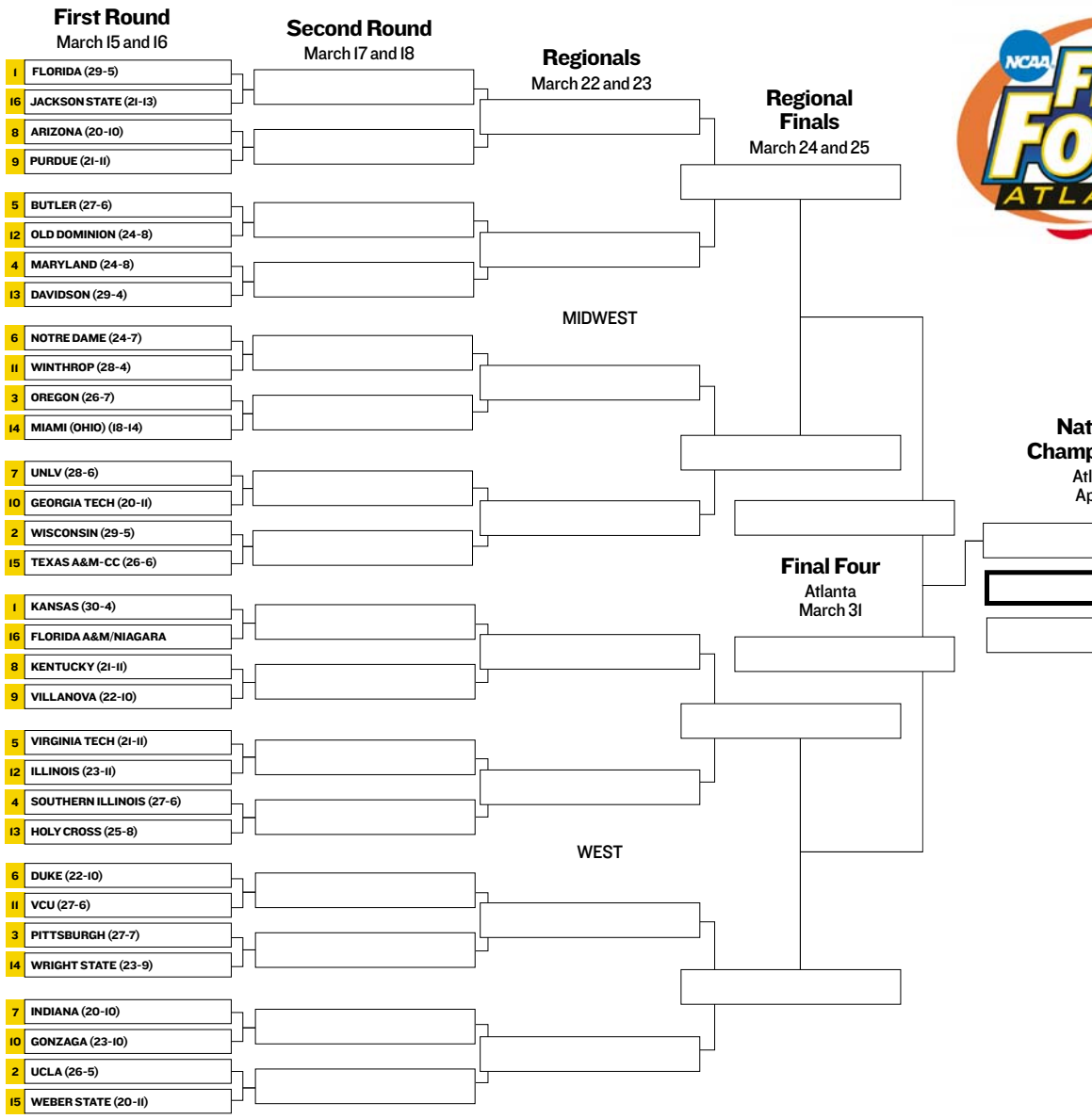
JONATHAN NEWTON / TWP

Gary Williams, right, and the Terrapins ended their two-year tourney hiatus.

Maryland might have received a higher seed if not for its one-and-out performance in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament. The 67-62 loss to Miami, however, didn't outweigh the seven-game winning streak that preceded it.

"We earned the No. 4 seed by our play. We won seven of the last eight," Williams said. "Plus, our league was rated the best all year."

DAVID GINSBURG (AP)



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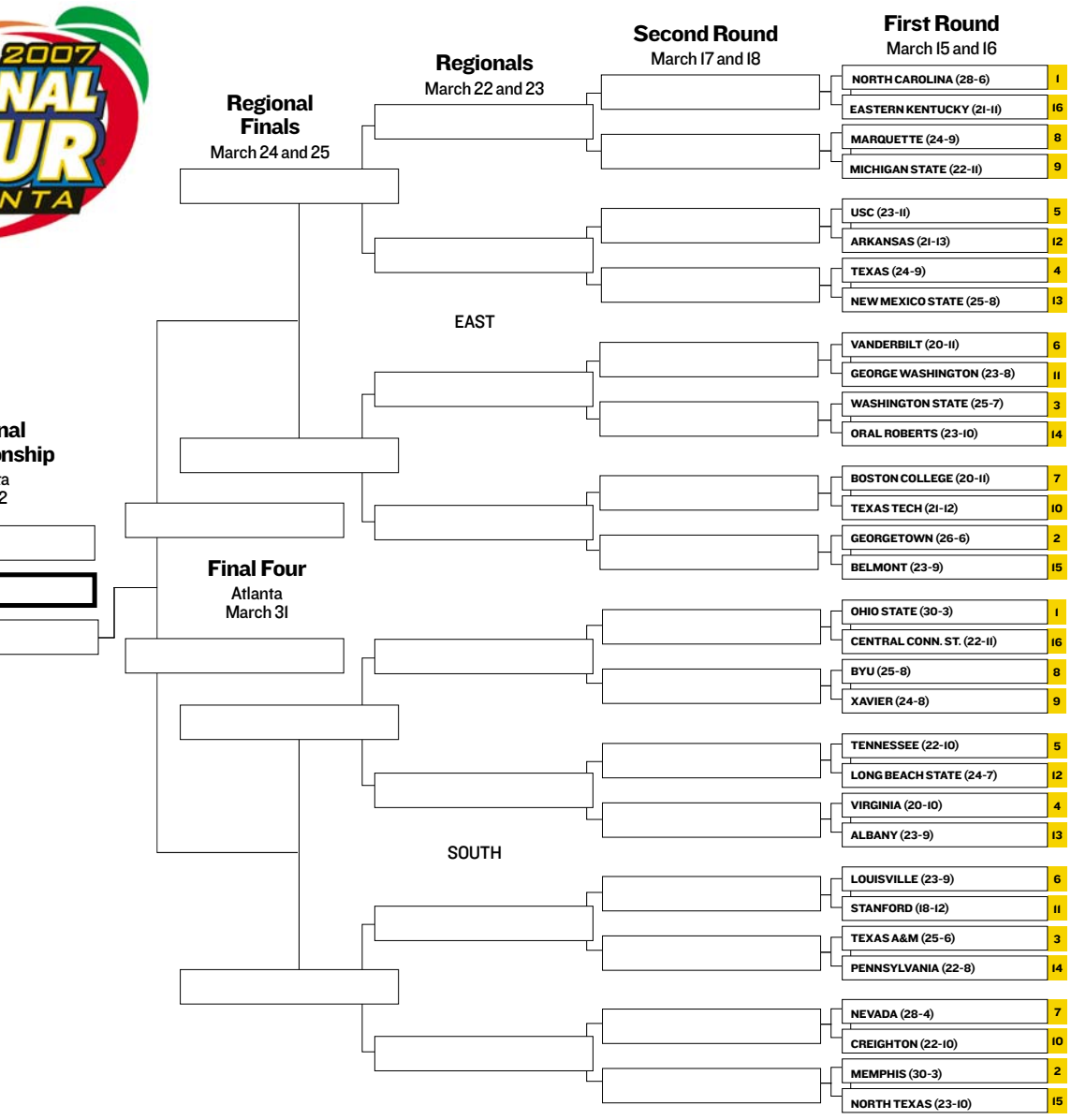
12 | **The number of conferences** that received at least one at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. ACC led the way with six at-large bids followed by the Big East (5), Pac-10 (5), Big Ten (5), SEC (4), Big 12 (3), Missouri Valley (1), Colonial (1), Horizon (1), Mountain West (1), WAC (1) and Atlantic 10 (1).



Gators Get Top Seed

NCAA TOURNAMENT | Defending champion Florida, Ohio State, Kansas and North Carolina drew No. 1 seeds in the NCAA men's basketball tournament, earning their spots Sunday by winning their conference championships.

Joakim Noah and the Gators (29-5) hope to become the first repeat champions since Duke in 1992. Florida, which won the football championship in January, will begin its bid for another basketball title in the Midwest region with a game Friday against 16th-seeded Jackson State in New Orleans.

The Gators, who return all five starters from last season's national championship team, emphatically won the Southeastern Conference tournament, routing Arkansas 77-56, recovering from a late season slump.

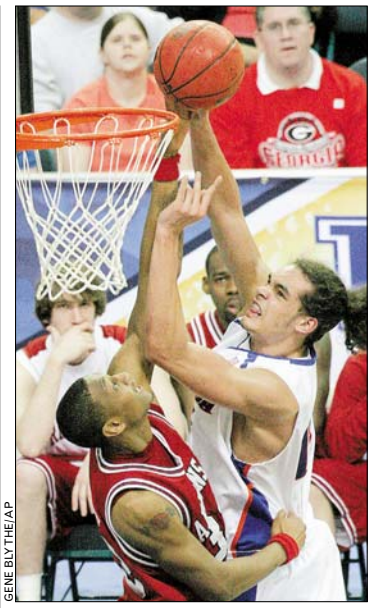
Wisconsin got the No. 2 seed in the Midwest and will play No. 15 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

In the West, Big 12 champion Kansas (30-4) opens against the play-in winner Friday in Chicago.

UCLA, with the most NCAA men's basketball titles in history, became a No. 2 seed after losing its first game in the Pac-10 tournament to California. UCLA (26-5), coming off consecutive losses to Washington and Cal, will play Weber State.

Ohio State (30-3) beat Wisconsin to win the Big 10 tournament and its No. 1 seed in the South. The Buckeyes play No. 16 Central Connecticut State on Thursday at Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky.

Among the teams left out were Syracuse, Drexel, Air Force, Missouri State, West Virginia and Florida State. MICHAEL MAROT (AP)



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Joakim Noah, right, will try to lead the Gators to a second straight NCAA title.

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Sports

PATS PICK UP PACE: Continuing their un-Patriot-like offseason spending spree, the Patriots signed WR Donte' Stallworth to a six-year, $33.1 million deal on Sunday. New England, usually quiet in the free agent market, has signed big names Adalius Thomas, Wes Welker, Kyle Brady and Sammy Morris this year.

NHL Suspends Simon for 25 Games

N.Y. Islanders forward receives the league's longest suspension ever

NHL | If Chris Simon plays again for the New York Islanders, or for anyone else in the NHL, it won't be until next season.

And it might not even be on opening night.

The NHL hit back hard Sunday, suspending the Islanders forward for a league-record 25 games. Simon will miss the rest of the regular season and playoffs as punishment for his two-handed stick attack to the face of Ryan Hollweg of the New York Rangers in a 2-1 loss Thursday night.

Simon will miss the Islanders' final 15 regular-season contests and the entire postseason, if the club gets that far. If the team plays fewer than 10 playoff games this year, the suspension will carry over to next season.

"The National Hockey League will not accept the use of a stick in the manner and fashion in which Mr. Simon used his," league disciplinarian Colin Campbell said in a statement. "As a consequence of his actions, Mr. Simon has forfeited the privilege of playing in an NHL game again this season, regardless of how many games the Islanders ultimately play."

The Islanders are seventh in the Eastern Conference. If New York goes the distance in all four rounds of best-of-seven series, Simon would miss a total of 43 games. (AP)

BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Chris Simon, left, looks at Ryan Hollweg after hitting Hollweg with his stick.

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

CAPITALS (7 P.M. ON VERSUS) The Caps bring a seven-game losing streak to Atlanta as they look to knock off the Thrashers, one of the Southeast Division's elite teams.

ARENA FOOTBALL (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) For the die-hard football fans looking for something to watch other than NFL draft predictions, the Arena League season is just getting under way, and the L.A. Avengers visit the Orlando Predators.

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HANGING UP HIS CLEATS: Fourteen-year major leaguer Jeromy Burnitz has decided to call it quits. Burnitz hit 315 home runs and played in 1,694 games without a playoff appearance.

Sports

Orioles Miff Matsuzaka

Two non-roster players give Boston's new ace fits in spring training

ORIOLES | Welcome to the big leagues, Dice-K.

Boston's $103 million pitcher with the winning smile allowed homers to two non-roster players, struggled with his control and even threw away a potential double-play grounder against Baltimore in a 5-3 loss on Sunday.

Daisuke Matsuzaka left after four innings with the Red Sox trailing the Orioles 4-2 and with his impressive spring training hitting its first bump.

There were no early signs that the Japanese righty would struggle against an Orioles lineup that had first-stringers in the first six spots.

He retired the side in order in the first — Brian Roberts on a fly ball to center and Melvin Mora and Jay Gibbons on strikeouts. In the second, he allowed a single to Ramon Hernandez.

CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Daisuke Matsuzaka, top, faces Melvin Mora in the Orioles' 5-3 win on Sunday.

Then Jon Knott led off the third with a homer to right-center field, and Jason DuBois hit a two-run shot in the fourth to left-center after that. After each batter swung, Matsuzaka turned around and stayed expressionless as he watched the ball fly over the fence.

Knott has played in 12 major-league games, all with San Diego, and led Triple-A Portland with 32 homers last season. DuBois had 10 homers in 86 games with the Chicago Cubs and Cleveland in 2004 and 2005, respectively.

Matsuzaka signed a $52 million contract after Boston posted the winning $51 million bid to negotiate with the pitcher, who spent the past eight seasons with the Seibu Lions.

He pitched two scoreless innings in a home game against Boston College on March 2 and three scoreless innings in a road game against Florida last Tuesday. HOWARD ULMAN (AP)

Johnson Wins Again in Las Vegas

AUTO RACING | New track configuration, same old results for Jimmie Johnson.

The defending series champion beat teammate Jeff Gordon on Sunday to win his third straight Nextel Cup race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Johnson had few problems navigating his way around the track that was under intense scrutiny all weekend because of changes made to the 1.5-mile speedway.

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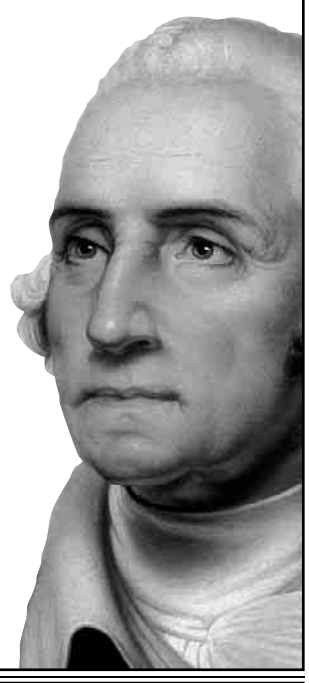

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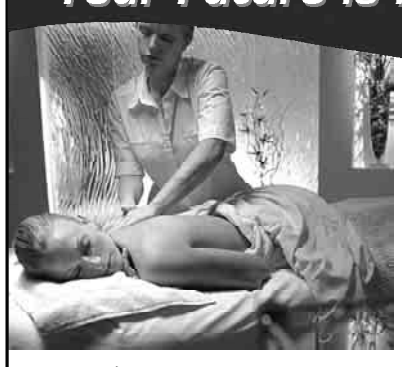

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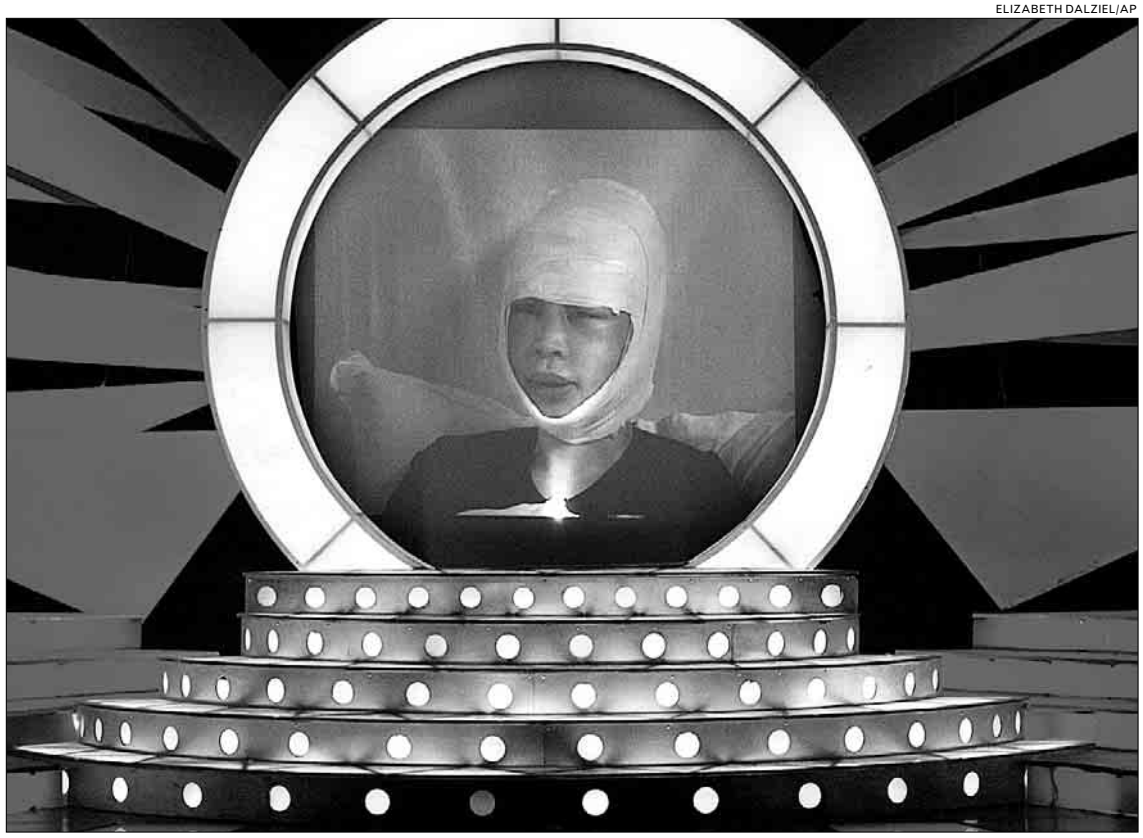

SKIN-DEEP: Hao Lulu, left, is famous in China for her many plastic surgeries. "Lovely Cinderella," above, is a televised beauty contest in which contestants get makeovers.

Beauty

Plastic Pageantry

Cosmetic surgery a growing trend in prosperous China

The beautician from Chairman Mao's hometown looks at herself in the mirror and bursts into tears of joy. Forty pounds lighter, jaw slimmer, eyes and nose refined, breasts lifted, 30-year-old Chen Jing has just been through an extreme makeover for a Chinese reality show called "Lovely Cinderella."

It's a sharp insight into China's own makeover, as a consumer generation moves ever further from communist founding father Mao Zedong's era of drab-is-beautiful austerity.

Modeled after "The Swan," Fox TV's reality television show, "Lovely Cinderella" was created in south China's Hunan province and has tapped into a surging Chinese interest in cosmetics and cosmetic surgery — luxuries beyond the means of most a generation ago, but gaining in popularity as incomes grow.

Consumers have quickly developed their own tastes, no longer chasing Hollywood's notion of perfection but opting for their own traditional aesthetic.

Zhang Xiaomei, a publisher of fashion magazines in Beijing, says early blunders taught doctors and patients that cosmetic surgery needed to be customized for the Chinese face.

"It was popular to do a surgery 10 years ago, a so-called European-style double eyelid that really made eyes sort of pop and appear more Caucasian, but it didn't look good and Chinese women have learned from that," said Zhang.

This full embrace of beauty is a contrast to 30 years ago, when even primping could be seen as counterrevolutionary.

"Your whole life was dedicated to revolution, to the Communist Party, to struggling for the communist cause," said Zhang.

"People then would have criticized you for putting on lipstick," she said. "Back then, we couldn't imagine having a television."

"Cinderella" contestant Yang Shaqin, a Beijing undergraduate, said she always wanted to look more like her mother. After eight procedures, she no longer felt like an ugly duckling but insisted she would never date a man shallow enough to have cosmetic surgery.

"We have a Chinese saying: 'A man should possess talents and a woman grace,'" Yang said. "Men shouldn't be worried about these trivial sorts of things."

These trivial things are driving a booming industry. And Chinese men are also not shy about using products and sometimes surgery to look better.

About 10 percent of the clients at the Yahan Cosmetic Surgery Clinic are men, said Li, and the concept of the metrosexual has arrived, known in Mandarin as "dushi yunan" or "urban pretty man."

Hao Lulu, a Beijing fashion writer and aspiring actress, became a sensation in the Chinese media — which dubbed her the "Artificial Beauty" — after she had 16 surgeries to redo her eyes, lips, nose, cheeks, neck, breasts, upper arms, buttocks, thighs and calves.

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>
> **ZHANG XIAOMEI**, FASHION PUBLISHER

"Lovely Cinderella" producer Wang Zhiyi said that while his show is meant as entertainment, it's also cautionary. The footage is graphic, showing grotesquely swollen postoperative faces and surgeons vigorously sucking fat from a contestant's waist.

One clip shows Chen, the beautician, crying out on the operating table for her husband and for more anesthetic. Later, she is shown throwing up and weeping in the hospital because she misses her 5-year-old son.

But as she gazes at herself in front of the studio audience, the memories seem to evaporate like the theatrical fog blasted out of fire extinguishers before she stepped to the mirror.

What would Mao, leader of China from the revolution until his death in 1976, make of "Lovely Cinderella"?

"How can I answer that?" she says. "I think that people today, with their more liberal ways of thinking, are at a place where if someone has an opportunity to change their life and become more confident, then everyone would want to support that."

ALEXA OLESEN (AP)

LOOK out

Sips Toward Suffrage

Food

In an industry ruled by men, wine contest asks women to judge

Women buy much of the wine purchased in the United States, and they make quite a bit of it, too. But it's mostly male critics who proclaim what's prime and what's plonk.

Enter the National Women's Wine Competition, which is being held this month in northern California. The event, judged entirely by women, boldly sports the slogan "Wine Women Want." There's even a separate category of entries from women winemakers to add an extra fillip of vintage suffrage.

The competition runs March 13-15 in Santa Rosa, and interest in the single-gender contender has been keen. Wineries from across the country responded and about 1,800 entries have come in, more than double expectations.

> "Women want to be recognized. I do think it's very important, long-term, to raise up a new set of women critics."
>
> **LEA PIERCE**, COMPETITION ORGANIZER

"We seem to have hit a nerve," said organizer Lea Pierce.

Having an all-women panel is a departure for the wine industry, where judging remains largely a man's world, something Pierce and others attribute more to slowly changing trends in the wine industry than overt discrimination.

Organizers believe this is the first contest judged by an all-women panel in the United States.

"Women want to be recognized. They want to have their own venue," said Pierce. "I do think it's very important, long-term, to raise up a new set of women critics."

The competition began as a "bolt from the blue," during a conversation about wine contests in general a few years ago, said Pierce, co-owner of an advertising agency and member of a networking group called Women for WineSense.

"At that point, I'd been in the wine industry for a couple of years, I was really aware of how many women are involved in wine and how it was growing. It was just sort of this insight that it would be a good thing to showcase women," she said.

Leslie Sbrocco, author of "Wine for Women," doesn't think there's a "male" or "female" palate, but that doesn't mean there's no distinction.

"It's not about the female palate being different. It's about the female perspective being different," said Sbrocco.

Wilfred Wong, cellar master for Beverages & More, a California retail liquor chain, remembers when wine contests were the province of "codgers and good old boys." That started to change in the '90s, with the judging becoming much more competitive and the emphasis shifting to using professionals, including women making and critiquing wine, he said.

"People want to know what wine women want." Pierce said. "Especially men." MICHELLE LOCKE (AP)

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Author Leslie Sbrocco says women bring a unique perspective to wine. An upcoming wine competition will be the first in the U.S. to be judged by an all-women panel.

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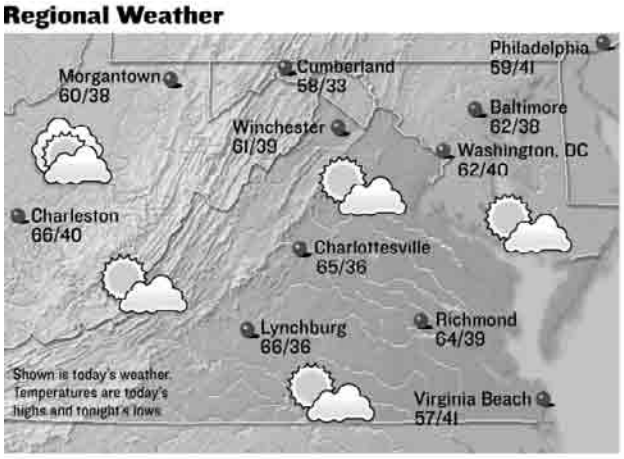

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Normal month to date	1.28"
Year to date	5.68"
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Sunset tonight	7:12 p.m.
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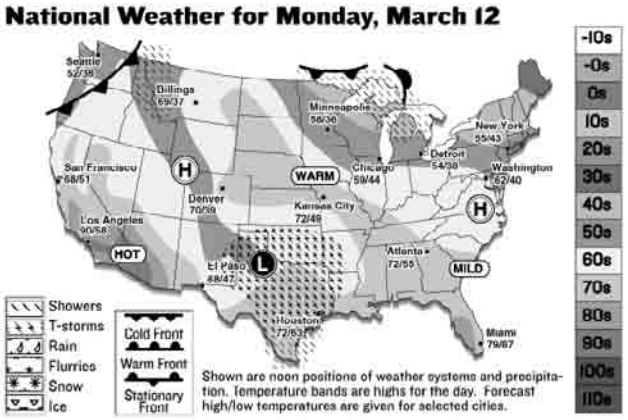

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Chicago	59/44/pc	68/41/pc
Dallas	74/61/t	77/59/t
Denver	70/39/s	75/40/s
Honolulu	81/73/pc	81/69/sh
Los Angeles	90/58/s	80/56/s
Miami	79/67/pc	81/68/pc
New York City	55/43/s	62/48/pc
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World Cities

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Athens	59/45/s	51/42/pc
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Styles | Look out

Double Your Pleasure

Get more for your money with 'two-fers'

For many years, budget-apparel makers have banked on a clever style known as the "two-fer," two items sewn together for a mock layered look — such as a jumper with a T-shirt attached or a sweater with a blouse collar and cuffs.

This trompe l'oeil style has long been a staple at mass chains such as Kmart and Wal-Mart, wooing women who appreciated the value of spending, say, $19.99 and getting what looks like two items for the price of one.

This winter, however, the style is moving up the fashion ladder. The "two-fer" has become the "swouse" (or sweater-blouse combo), while others are dubbing the look the more graceful-sounding "duet." Rather improbably, these two-in-one pieces have emerged as one of the hottest fashion trends on the runways of high-end designers.

> "I'm busty, and I can't do layers. These outfits fit smoothly and look like separates."
>
> **MEG CRITCHELL**, SHOPPER

During New York fashion week last month, designer Marc Jacobs showed a $3,800 sequined jumpsuit attached to white satin collars and cuffs, giving the illusion they were two pieces. Yves Saint Laurent used a similar trick in its fall 2005 collection, attaching billowing white sleeves to a short-sleeved gray sweater that sold for $695. And designer Diane von Furstenberg last year added a white tuxedo bib to her signature black wrap dress that sold for $325. "It was super-successful at retail," says Paula Sutter, DVF president.

In an industry that steadfastly promotes the notion that elite runway designers set style trends for the masses, the emergence of the humble two-fer turns the rules of fashion upside down. How this resolutely practical style trickled upward into the ranks of better brands says a lot about how fashion has changed.

The $295 Tory Burch "dickey dress" looks like a turtleneck and separate dress, but is actually only one piece.

AP

Marc Jacobs uses "two-fers" to show a layered look without adding bulk. Ignore the giant hat.

Designer Tory Burch says she got the idea for her $295 "dickey dress" — a knit dress with a turtleneck and short-sleeve sweater cuffs attached — from women like her mother, who wore dickeys, or turtleneck bibs, with their skiing outfits in the 1960s. "I had never heard of a two-fer," Ms. Burch said.

But the dickey dress has been a top seller since she launched her line in 2005. "It's a way to do something that is fitted and slimming," she says.

The two-fer's widespread popularity this winter got a big boost because of the revival of layering last fall. The look involved mixing shirts, blazers and even vests. But some women can't stand all that bulk. "I'm busty, and I can't do outfits with layers," says Meg Critchell, a 32-year-old New York wedding planner who has snapped up six two-fers. "These outfits fit smoothly and look like separates."

Bebe's Web site features many examples, including a $79 "zig-zag vested blouse" — a striped scoop-neck vest attached to a silk blouse, described as "two looks in one sleek piece." Among this spring's new variations will be shrug sweaters attached to minidresses, Mr. Scott says.

"The swouse is going to be the biggest thing for this fall," predicts Mark Mendelson, chief merchandising officer of Jones Apparel Group Inc., whose brands include Nine West, Jones New York and Anne Klein. New for fall: jackets with sleeves and shirt-fronts. Mr. Mendelson says such garments "solve an ease-of-wearing issue in the winter."

TERI AGINS (WALL STREET JOURNAL)

Beauty

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Sunnier skies inevitably lead to the same worry: how to look good in a bathing suit. D.C.-based trainer Josh Beach says one tip is to work out in the morning, when you'll be pulling straight from fat reserves rather than the food you've taken in. Want more advice? Check out our story on the site. | ONLINE NOW

EYE OPENERS

Tracy Takes on ... TV

Tracy Morgan isn't a normal guy; it's a fact that's made him millions of dollars and still knocks 'em dead on NBC's "30 Rock." But on a morning TV appearance in Texas, Morgan seemed a little ... out of sorts. And he took off his shirt. Watch the scene unfold on the video at the bottom of our homepage. | ONLINE NOW

comment board

"And so the 'right' to continue killing each other with guns shall persevere. Though we appear to believe othe[r]wise, this 'right' is not something embedded in our genetic profile; we made it up. It is going to be sad to watch mothers ... bury their children because of our belief in a myth."

COMMENTER JOHN SUDARSKY, RESPONDING TO A U.S. APPEALS COURT DECISION FRIDAY THAT THE DISTRICT'S 30-YEAR BAN ON GUNS IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

"It's about time. Gun bans have never worked. D.C. is a good example. Now time can be spent going after the criminals instead of honest people."

COMMENTER BG, ALSO RESPONDING TO THE GUN BAN DECISION.

poll center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Which top seed will lose first in the NCAA tournament?

1. Florida
2. Kansas
3. North Carolina
4. Ohio State

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Should Marion Barry go to jail for not paying taxes?

AS OF 7 P.M. SUNDAY. NOT A SCIENTIFIC POLL.

YES 89%

NO 11%

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Blog LOG

"Using artificial DNA to store information in bacteria is just brilliant, and potentially will lead to faster computer processors."

UNEVENSTEVEN2.BLOGSPOT.COM PREDICTS THAT ENCODING INFORMATION IN BACTERIA DNA WILL LEAD TO ELECTROMAGNETIC-PULSE-PROOF DATA STORAGE — AND MAKE SOMEONE RICH.

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"They're JUST burying James Brown and they have the nerve to say the crypt he's been interred in is temporary. I hate them."

DEARLESLY.WORDPRESS.COM IS AMAZED AT HOW LONG ITS TAKEN FOR SOUL SINGER JAMES BROWN TO FINALLY BE BURIED — AND HOW PLANS FOR HIS FINAL RESTING PLACE STILL AREN'T DECIDED.

"IT WAS A quality performance, and we were most impressed by one aria in particular, 'Les oiseaux dans la charmille,' and we're both now completely fixated on the soprano who nailed it last night, Ji Hyun Jang. The plan now is to go see Ji Hyun Jang perform again."

CHARLOTTEHARRIS.WORDPRESS.COM SAW THE OPERA "LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN," PLAYING AT THE PEABODY IN BALTIMORE.

"IT'S SO ANNOYING that everyone I want to talk to is four hours behind me."

ALASKANABROAD.TYPEPAD.COM IS FINDING IT ESPECIALLY HARD TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH FRIENDS AFTER THE TIME CHANGE.

"THERE ARE A couple of groups, notably Vote DC and DC for Democracy, that have helped to bring the issue front and center. Outside of the grassroots, it doesn't seem to be an issue that gets folks hot and bothered."

BLOG.ALTHIPPO.COM SAYS CONSERVATIVES WOULD USE LACK OF VOTING RIGHTS AS AN EXCUSE TO INVADE ANOTHER COUNTRY, BUT DOESN'T CARE IF DC HAS A NATIONAL VOTE.

Live Online

'Idol' Discussion

Post TV columnist **LISA DE MORAES** was online Friday to discuss the fallout from "American Idol's" cast-offs, the drop in "24's" audience and wonder whether "Ugly Betty" will ever return.

I've noticed that "24" is skidding in the ratings. Is it the competition from "Heroes," or are viewers (not me) starting to drift away from the show?

Combo of both, I think. Serialized dramas have a hard time recruiting new viewers —though "24" is the best model for serialized shows because it hits the "restart" button every season, but "Heroes" is clearly taking viewers away.

That Sanjaya survived the Great Hula Dancing Fiasco on "American Idol" makes me both thrilled and depressed about our country. How?

That pretty hair, of course. His power is all in his hair. We must secretly bribe the "Idol" remake artist to give him a buzz cut.

Conspiracy theory: Because "Idol" won't tell us the vote counts, was Antonella Barba really voted out, or did the producers see an opportunity to drop her like the hot rock that she is?

I'm sorry, but you do know there were sexy photos of her all over the Internet, right? This can only attract more young men to the show, and young men are like the Holy Grail of TV. So why would they want her booted?

Are we ever going to see our beloved unibrow "Betty" in a new episode again?

I expect around the time of the May sweep.

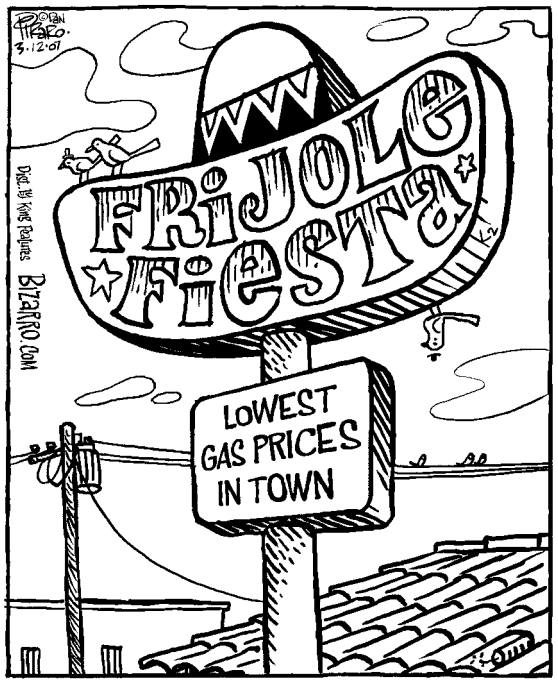
TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Post staff writer Eric Prisbell talks tops seeds, burst bubbles and possible Cinderellas in the NCAA tourney at 11 a.m. | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline.**

DO

STAY IN TUNE. Whatever it is, if it's out of tune, that's bad. But, unfortunately, a tuning fork that fits comfortably inside a wallet has yet to be made. But, thanks to Alterfin.com, there's always a virtual tuning fork at your disposal. There's also some weird virtual face on the site that you can play with.

Look out

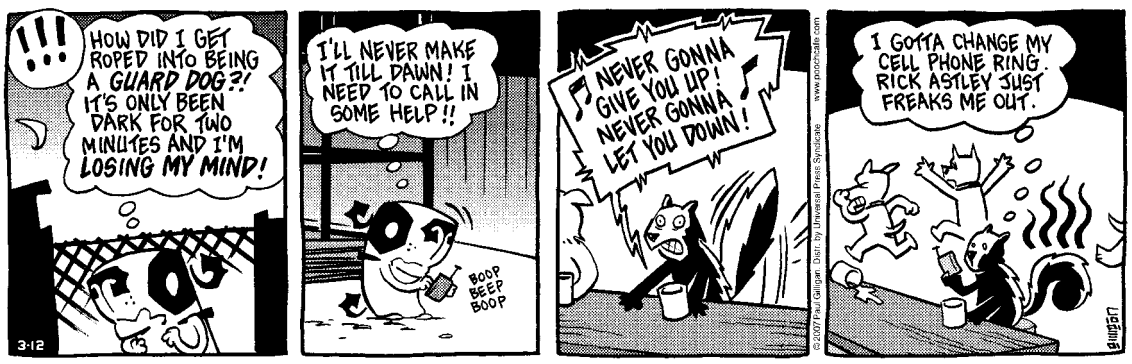
Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*



Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

"Grief takes many forms. But don't worry, we're here to help you fill them out."

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



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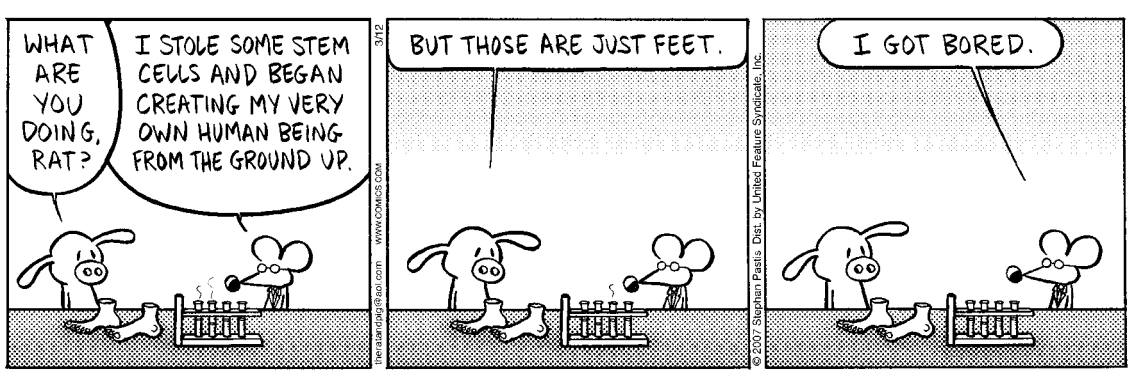

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You're too quick to think about what's coming next, especially when you haven't put the finishing touches on what you're doing right now.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A combustible situation can be eased, provided you are willing to admit to a mistake early on. You mustn't be stubborn or selfish.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone may be asking more than you had anticipated, but you are able to come through regardless. Don't complain.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something legendary is likely to have a major impact on you, though there may be many questions to answer before the mystery is solved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take care you're not too eager to get back on your feet after a period of rest or recovery. There's no reason to be hasty.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your innovative approach may threaten some, but most will recognize you have something going and will want to join you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may have to start over in some respect, but later on you'll discover that you're completely caught up and can now move forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take advantage of a social occasion to announce a new plan. You'll cause quite a stir when you reveal all your secrets.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) The news you receive is neither good nor bad; your own perspective, combined with your expectations, will make all the difference at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You can afford to take things a little more seriously at this time. Certain people are eager for you to become more involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may not be able to secure permission to do something that has been on your mind for some time. You'll have to change your plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You mustn't wait too long before responding to a surprising piece of correspondence. Open wider the doors of communication.

JOHN TODD/AP

Artist Hank Ketcham holds artwork from his comic strip, "Dennis the Menace."

Today in History

1864 Ulysses S. Grant becomes commander in chief of the Union armies in the Civil War.

1912 Juliette Gordon Low founds the Girl Guides, which later became the Girl Scouts of America.

1930 Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi begins a 200-mile march to protest a British tax on salt.

1951 "Dennis the Menace," created by cartoonist Hank Ketcham, makes its syndicated debut in 16 newspapers.

1980 A Chicago jury finds John Wayne Gacy Jr. guilty of the murders of 33 men and boys.

1997 Authorities in Los Angeles arrest Mikhail Markhasev as a suspect in the shooting death of Bill Cosby's son, Ennis.

2002 Homemaker Andrea Yates is convicted of murder in the drowning deaths of her five children in the family bathtub.

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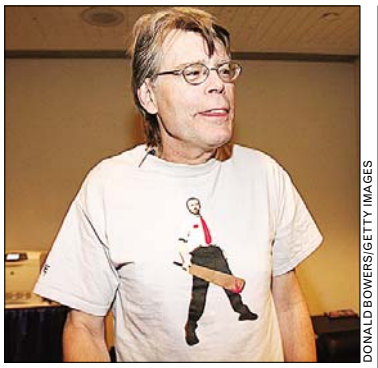

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He'll start penning symphonies next.

KEEPING BUSY

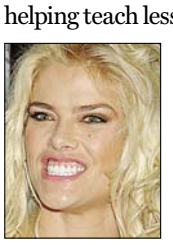
Quest for Literary World Domination in Final Phase

There are few things **STEPHEN KING** hasn't tried when it comes to his work. He can now claim a new genre with the recent Marvel Entertainment comics publication "The Dark Tower," based on his books of the same name. "I'm a big fan of the medium," King said. "It's like being a kid with a chemistry set." (AP)

SCHOOL

Students Learn Valuable Lessons From Anna Nicole

ANNA NICOLE SMITH never finished school, but her life and death are helping teach lessons at law schools.



Because of a poorly drafted will and the courtroom fights over her burial and custody of her daughter, law professors are finding her troubles can serve as an example to students. Professors say they have answered questions about court proceedings or have used Smith to illustrate an issue in class. (AP)

MARK J. TERRILL/AP

SPAWNING

A Little Betty?

Mexican-born actress **SALMA HAYEK** is expecting her first child with her fiance, French businessman Francois-Henri Pinault, a spokeswoman for Hayek reported. Hayek, who was previously romantically linked to actors Edward Norton and Josh Lucas, is executive producer and a star of ABC's "Ugly Betty." (EXPRESS)

SKIING

Ice-Cold Movie Careers Still Missing and Presumed Dead

The Aspen Ski Patrol had to lead actors **ROB MORROW, CHAD LOWE** and **FISHER STEVENS** to safety after they got lost in snow and ended up out of bounds. They ended up with another group of lost skiers, who had used a cell phone to call for help. Ski Patrol members led

the group to the bottom of the mountain through heavy snow, streams and dense forest. (AP)

RECRUITING

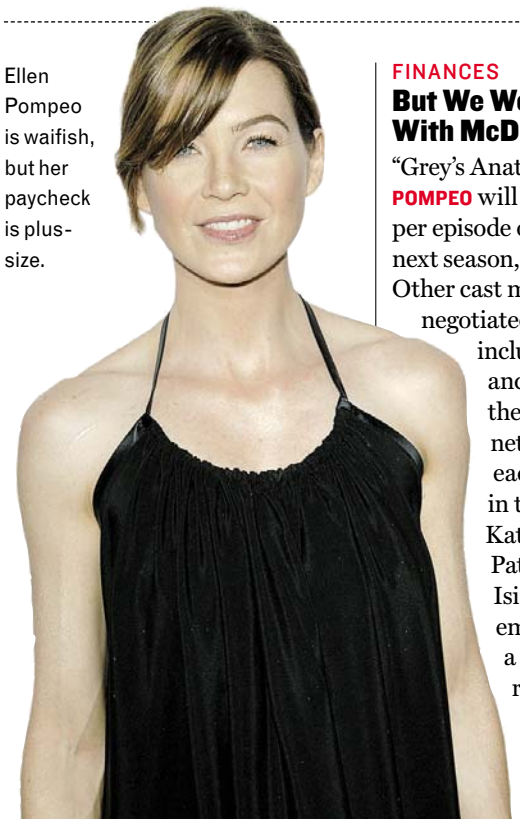
Judo Kicks, Bad Jokes Now Taught at Police Academy

Martial arts expert and actor **JACKIE CHAN** has taken on a new role promoting the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to Asian-Americans in a public service advertisement.

The Chinese star and stuntman will step out of a squad car dressed in a sheriff's deputy uniform in the ad and will urge potential recruits to join the force.

The sheriff's department hopes the commercial, which will be shown during recruitment fairs, will help boost the low number of Asian-Americans in their ranks.

"I'm the police ambassador in Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong, China, everywhere," Chan said. (AP)



Ellen Pompeo is waifish, but her paycheck is plus-size.

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FINANCES

But We Would Make Out With McDreamy for Nothin'

"Grey's Anatomy" star **ELLEN POMPEO** will pocket $200,000 per episode of the doc drama next season, reported Reuters. Other cast members who have negotiated fatter paychecks include James T. Pickens and T.R. Knight, but they will reportedly net only $125,000 each per show. Still in talks: Sandra Oh, Katherine Heigl and Patrick Dempsey. Isiah Washington, embattled since he used a derogatory term to refer to Knight last year, is rumored to be retaining his old salary due to the controversy. (EXPRESS)

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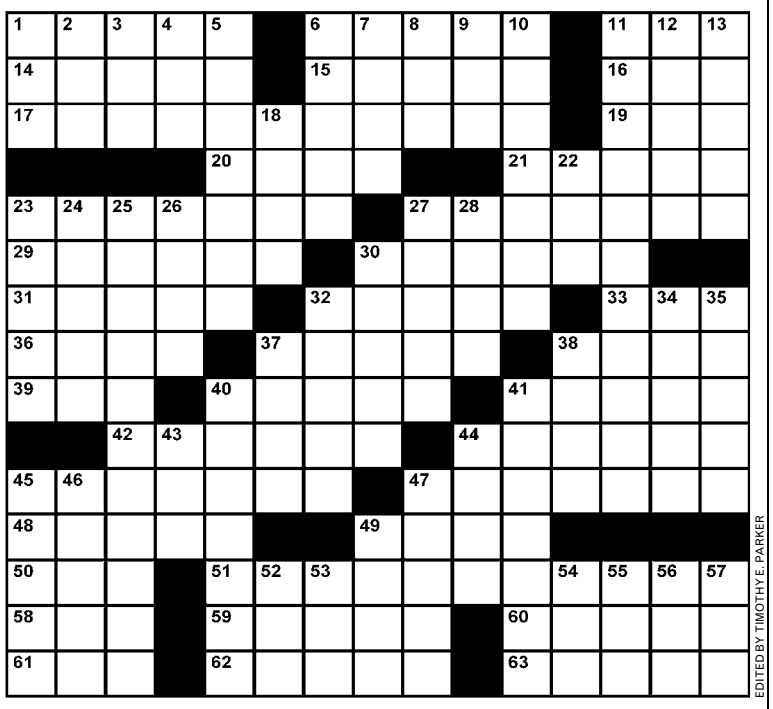

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37 Dizzying painting movement
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60 Ghastly strange
61 Bro counterpart
62 Gives an effort
63 Interior designer's doing

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2 Wartime entertainers
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5 Spotted wildcats
6 Localities
7 Crack a book
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9 Sandwich initials
10 Emily Dickinson's Massachusetts birthplace
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13 Dutch painter Jan
18 Rules' partners, briefly
22 Baseball legend Gehrig
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25 October sports event
26 Org. for Annika Sorenstam
27 Worsens, as relations
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30 Engine maker ___ & Whitney
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38 Contenders
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41 Sounded like a trolley?
43 Small bit of work
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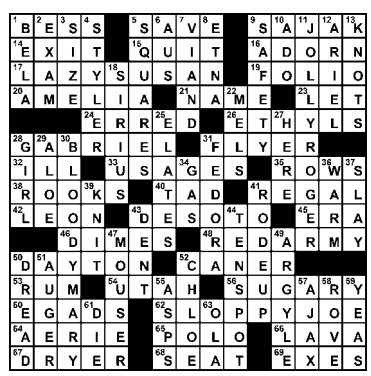
Friday's Solution



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Friday's Solution

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